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DERBY DAY AT THE RACES.

HEIR APPARENT DOES NOT START.

SITTING BULL WINS IN FIELD OF NINE.

A \$1,400 DIVIDEND.

For the second day's racing of the Hongkong Jockey Club's Meeting conditions have been very favourable to-day and the large number of punters and turf enthusiasts who were present when the first race was run were promised a good day's sport.

H.E. the Governor, accompanied by Lady Clementi, arrived just before the second race, and they were greeted by Mr. H. P. White and the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes. Capt. Forester was in attendance.

The course was on the "fast" side and the cool weather helped the animals considerably in getting over the strains of yesterday's racing, in which close finishes were the order of the day.

Chief interest was naturally concentrated in the Hongkong Derby, the third race on the card. The two best fabled ponies during the training period, November and Heir Apparent, were both beaten yesterday and it was therefore not expected that either would do well in the big race, if started. Public fancy favoured Peck, a pony from the stable owned jointly by the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes and Mr. C. Gordon Mackie, which won the Trial Plate yesterday.

As events turned out, nine ponies were sent out, and Heir Apparent was not among them. The field of nine starters was much larger than usual, and although Peck and November were both strongly fancied, there were others which commanded considerable support.

Crashing Victory.

Victory went to Mrs. Dunbar's Sitting Bull, ridden by Maitland, which secured the verdict by an easy six lengths from Young Pretender, with New Year's Eve a length away.

Peck led all the way until the last quarter, Coos Bay, Young Pretender and New Year's Eve each accompanying the leader in turn. It was not until the Eve was reached for the second time that any real effort was made to wrest the lead from Peck. Young Pretender from the rear then shot to the front and Sitting Bull followed his example.

A keen fight on entering the straight ended in Sitting Bull showing the way to the rest of the field, and winning with ease. Coos Bay was a good fourth, November fifth, Peck sixth, Manor Hall seventh and Hartene well behind in the rear. Guild Hall did not finish.

3.—The Hongkong Derby.—A Sweepstakes of \$20 each with \$3,000 added. For China Ponies, bona fide fillies of this Meeting. First Pony to receive 70 per cent. Second 20 per cent. Third 10 per cent. of the total amount. Weight for inches as per scale. Ponies to be ridden by Jockeys who have won at least 5 Official flat races in Hongkong or China, or Jockeys approved by the Stewards. One Mile and a Half.

Mrs. E. L. Dunbar's Sitting Bull (Mr. Maitland) 1.

Mr. Dynast's Young Pretender (Mr. Halmovitch) 2.

Mr. Eve's New Year's Eve (Mr. Pote Hunt) 3.

Messrs. Hynes and Mackie's Peck (Mr. Heard) 4.

Mr. L. Dunbar's Coos Bay (Mr. Charles) 5.

Mr. Ho Kom-tong's Guild Hall (Mr. Wong) 6.

Mr. Ho Kom-tong's Manor Hall (Mr. Raza) 7.

Mr. R. J. Paterson's November (Mr. Buttel) 8.

Mr. Seth's Hartene (Mr. Lee) 9.

Won by six lengths; one length.

Time: 2 mins. 11 secs.

Part-Mutuel.—Winner, \$16.40;

1st \$7.20; 2nd \$6.60; 3rd \$12.10.

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LORD OXFORD VERY ILL.

FAMILY SUMMONED TO BED-SIDE.

GRAVE CONDITION.

London, Feb. 13.

The Earl of Oxford and Asquith, the Liberal ex-Premier, is seriously ill.

A medical bulletin states that he yesterday developed an acute attack of pharyngitis. To-day there are signs of bronchitis, and his condition is "extremely grave."—British Wireless.

Family Summoned.

London, Feb. 13.

The Earl of Oxford and Asquith is unconscious. His family has been summoned.—Reuter.

Lord Oxford, who is 75 years of age, was made an Earl in January, 1925. He is best remembered as Mr. Asquith, and was Leader of the Liberal Party after the resignation of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman in April, 1908, up to October, 1926, when he resigned. He was Prime Minister continuously from 1908 until December, 1916. He entered Parliament in 1886, and represented East Fife until his defeat in the General Election of 1918. Re-entering the House at a by-election in 1920, he represented Paisley until his rejection at the poll in 1924.

COLDSTREAM GUARDS LEAVE.

REMARKABLE DEMONSTRATION IN SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, Feb. 14.

The Coldstream Guards, embarking on H. M. Transport, Assaye, left for England at noon to-day. The departure of the battalion was marked by a wonderful demonstration on the part of the British Community, showing the extreme popularity of the officers and men of the famous regiment.

Thousands of Shanghai's cosmopolitan population turned out early this morning to witness the Guards' last march from their billets to the wharf. On the route, they stopped at various points and the bands of the different regiments played them off. The bands of the Welsh Regiment, Suffolk, Beds and Herts with the Northamptonshire accompanied the Guards to the wharf and played until the transport was far out in the river. Hundreds of Britishers were on the wharf to bid them farewell.—Reuter.

PRINCE OF WALES' NEW TITLE.

THOSE WHO GO DOWN TO THE SEA IN SHIPS.

London, Feb. 13.

"In recognition of the splendid service of the Merchant Navy and the fishing fleets to the Empire for many centuries both in the time of peace and the time of war," H.M. the King, after taking Ministerial advice, has asked the Prince of Wales to assume the title of "Master of the Merchant Navy and Fishing Fleets." An official announcement issued to-day states that His Majesty has been considering for some time what steps could be taken to bring the Merchant Navy and fishing fleets into line with the other great services of the Empire.—Reuter.

KOREAN COMMUNIST TRIAL.

EIGHTY FOUR SENT TO GAOL.

Tokyo, Feb. 13.

As the result of the Korean Communist trial, which has been proceeding at Seoul for the past few months, eighty-four prisoners have been sent to gaol for terms ranging from six years' hard labour to nine months' imprisonment. The remaining twelve accused were acquitted.—Reuter.

TREASURE OF UR REVEALED.

QUEEN SHUBAD'S TOMB UNEARTHED.

GORGEOUS APPAREL FOUND BY EXPEDITION.

5,000-YEAR SECRETS.

Philadelphia, Feb. 13.

A report states that Mr. Leonard Woolley, the Director of the joint expedition under the auspices of the University of Pennsylvania and the British Museum, whilst excavating the ancient city of Ur, in Chaldea, has found the richest treasure yet discovered at Ur, around the body of Queen Shubad, a Sumerian ruler who died five thousand years ago.

Her tomb was intact, but that of her husband, near by, had been plundered.—Reuter's American Service.

Soldiers on Guard.

On the slope leading to the burial pit lay the bodies of six soldiers, who had evidently been guards of the treasure. Their skulls were crushed inside battered copper helmets and the graveside itself was a shambles.

Fifty bodies of those who had been sacrificed to the Spirit of the Dead were observed also.

Along one side lay men with daggers on their hips, against the foot of the tomb lay the chief ladies of the harem in full court regalia, while beside them were cockleshells containing face-paint, and little alabaster vases for unguents.

At the head and the feet of the dead Queen were crouched the bodies of her attendants.

Marvellous Headdress.

The Queen's headdress was marvellous. Coiled about her head was a wreath of gold, above which and across the forehead ran a frontlet of lapis lazuli and Cornelian beads from which hung heavy rings of gold.

Higher up a wreath of golden mulberry leaves surmounted another, formed of large flowers, the petals of which were of inlaid lapis lazuli and white shell.

The Queen wore a tight-fitting necklace of gold garters, and over the upper part of the body was a cloak entirely covered with beadwork fringed with dangling golden rings.

The cloak was fastened to the right shoulder with three pins of gold and lapis lazuli, on which were inscribed the Queen's name.

The report suggests that the Queen's mourners profaned and plundered the King's tomb.—Reuter's American Service.

NANKING POLITICS.

RECONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE BEING FORMED.

Shanghai, Feb. 13.

The newly-created Reconstruction Committee of the Nationalist Government is being formed in Nanking and most of the Commissioners appointed to act on this committee have arrived, with the exception of Mr. Sun Fo, who has gone abroad. It is understood that Mr. Sun will be elected Chairman of the Committee.

Mr. Hwang Fu, the new Foreign Minister of the Nationalist Government, has reported to Nanking to the effect that he will come to the capital to-day to assume his new office.—Nam Chung Pao.

"GOODWILL" FLIGHT ENDED.

LINDBERGH DOES 1,200 MILES NON-STOP.

New York, Feb. 13.

A message from St. Louis, Missouri, states that Lindbergh did a non-stop flight of 1,200 miles from Havana in fifteen hours, thereby completing his "goodwill" flight.—Reuter's American Service.

LOST MARKETS IN CHINA.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT POLICY ATTACKED.

JAPAN'S INFLUENCE.

London, Feb. 13.

After a debate lasting four days, the House of Commons to-day rejected the Labour Amendment to the Address in Reply to the King's Speech, regretting that no mention was made of measures designed to grapple with the pressing problems of unemployment. The House rejected the amendment by 293 votes to 137.

In the course of the debate, Mr. J. R. Clynes made special reference to the cotton industry, declaring that Britain's political policy had a good deal to do with the loss of the Lancashire markets in India and China.

Japanese competition, he continued, could not altogether account for the huge decline in the exports of cotton cloth to China.

Mr. Clynes urged the Government to institute an impartial enquiry to ascertain how far the threatened wage reduction could be any adequate contribution to cheaper production, or to the provision of better markets.—Reuter.

THE CASH SWEEPS.

THE LUCKY NUMBERS AT TO-DAY'S RACES.

BIG PRIZEWINNERS.

Below are the Cash Sweep ticket numbers on to-day's Races:

1st Race.

Ticket No. 169—\$1,139.60

Ticket No. 80—\$325.60

Ticket No. 418—\$162.80

\$50 Tickets:—223, 222, 199, 220, 127, 429.

2nd Race.

Ticket No. 72—\$1,943.20

Ticket No. 74—\$556.20

Ticket No. 267—\$277.60

\$100 Tickets:—258, 588, 523, 174, 486, 1295.

3rd Race.

Ticket No. 1023—\$7,140.00

Ticket No. 1234—\$2,040.00

Ticket No. 507—\$1,020.00

\$100 Tickets:—258, 588, 523, 174, 486, 1295.

4th Race.

Ticket No. 12—\$2,485.00

Ticket No. 445—\$710.00

Ticket No. 305—\$355.00

\$50 Tickets:—208, 851, 173, 838, 398, 968, 394, 85, 71.

5th Race.

Ticket No. 1333—\$4,425.40

Ticket No. 701—\$1,254.40

Ticket No. 1429—\$632.20

\$50 Tickets:—1458, 674, 1322.

6th Race.

Ticket No. 391—\$3,885.00

Ticket No. 602—\$1,110.00

Ticket No. 532—\$555.00

\$50 Tickets:—1413, 696, 646, 811, 1359.

7th Race.

Ticket No. 1285—\$4,503.80

Ticket No. 1453—\$1,286.80

Ticket No. 238—\$643.40

\$50 Tickets:—443, 894, 457.

8th Race.

Ticket No. 600—\$4,270.00

Ticket No. 15—\$1,220.00

Ticket No. 218—\$610.00

\$50 Tickets:—1173, 1099, 1589, 1184, 1602, 1212, 1592, 935, 876, 1276, 815, 1454, 421, 648.

9th Race.

Ticket No. 831—\$3,595.20

Ticket No. 185—\$1,027.20

Ticket No. 1234—\$513.40

\$50 Tickets:—943, 208.

10th Race.

Ticket No. 392—\$3,010.00

Ticket No. 440—\$860.00

Ticket No. 177—\$430.00

\$50 Tickets:—212, 1183, 223, 982, 1007, 535, 776, 1123, 1145, 604.

11th Race.

Ticket No. 787—\$2,469.60

Ticket No. 634—\$705.60

Ticket No. 1021—\$352.80

\$50 Tickets:—121, 879, 190, 546, 224, 1132, 419, 1055, 787, 284, 1052, 629, 830, 855, 1049, 420, 1042, 569, 27, 1012.

U. S. PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEES.

NAMES OF "POSSIBLE" CANDIDATES.

COOLIDGE MAY BE FORCED TO STAND.

GENERAL ELECTION.

Washington, Feb. 13.

Political circles are already preparing for the General Election which is taking place on November 6th.

The Republican National Convention will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, on June 6th, and the Democratic Convention at Houston, Texas, on June 26th.

The Republican "possibles" for the presidential nomination include Mr. Herbert Hoover, Mr. C. G. Dawes (present Vice-President), Mr. Frank Lowden (the Governor of Illinois), Mr. Andrew W. Mellon (Secretary of the Treasury), Mr. Frank B. Kellogg (Secretary of State), Mr. C. E. Hughes (ex-Secretary of State), while many feel that President Coolidge may be forced to accept nomination in the event of the Convention coming to a deadlock.

The Democratic "possibles" include the popular Governor of New York, Mr. A. E. Smith, Senator Reed of Missouri, and the Governor of Maryland, Mr. Albert E. Ritchie.

Members of the House of Representatives, numbering 435, and one-third of the Senate, or 32 members, will be elected at the November General Election.—Reuter's American Service.

Three More in The Running.

Washington, Feb. 9. Senator Watson, of Indiana, to-day threw his hat into the presidential ring, announcing that he had decided to become an active candidate for the Republican nomination for President.

Three candidates are now out for the nomination, Senators Curtis and Willis previously having announced that they were in the race. Senator Watson is chairman of the senate interstate commerce committee. He has been in the senate since 1916. Prior to that he served six terms as representative.—Associated Press.

NORTHERN WAR.

FENG AND CHIANG TO JOIN HANDS.

Shanghai, Feb. 14.

Hsuechow telegrams indicate that the entire Northern Expeditionary Army will meet in Kaifeng, Honan, where the armies from Nanking and those of Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang will join together and then march on Southern Chihli. Hsuechow will be strongly fortified to prevent the Northerners coming down directly from Shantung, but no offensive measures will be taken therefrom.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek left Hsuechow on the morning of the 12th, together with a large number of high military commanders, to inspect the front. Marshal Chiang has wired to Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang to the effect that he will proceed to Kaifeng to have a conference with the Kuomintang commanders. Feng has also wired to Chiang stating he has proceeded to Kaifeng and will wait there for Chiang. The Kaifeng military conference will also be attended by a representative of General Yen Shih-shan.

General Tan Yen-kai will proceed to Hankow in a few days to supervise rehabilitation works in Hunan and Hupeh provinces and the organization of a branch of the Political Council for the two provinces, which are the territories under the Kwangsi leader, Li Chung-jen and Pei Chung-hai.—Nam Chung Pao.

BATTLE ON THE PUKOW RAILWAY.

Naval wireless messages received in Hongkong this morning indicate that fighting has occurred on the Pukow-Tientsin Railway, north of Soochow-fu.

Another message from Ichang states that troop movements down the river are reported.

MR. AMERY SETS A PRECEDENT.

CANNOT EXPECT DOMINIONS TO TRAVEL ALWAYS.

DOMINIONS FREEDOM.

London, Feb. 13.

Mr. L. C. M. S. Amery, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, was back in the House of Commons to-day after his tour of the Overseas Dominions. Mr. Amery was greeted with loud cheering.

In an interview, he declared that his tour had been exceedingly useful, both in increasing his own knowledge of the conditions and problems of the Dominions, and in improving the understanding between the Dominions and the Home-country.

He thought the precedent which he had set in making such a tour would be followed in the future and that it would be regarded henceforth as the first duty of the Dominions Secretary to visit the overseas parts of the Empire.

"We cannot expect Dominion Ministers," he said, "to do all the travelling. At the Imperial Conference, one meets two or three Ministers, but going round I have been able to meet practically every Minister as well as the leaders of the Opposition and prominent men in every walk of life, who have been able to bring me in touch with the life of the community."

"In my speeches I sought everywhere to show that the old era of Empire relationships closed with the last Imperial Conference and that the equal freedom of the Dominions under the Crown was a freedom not of irresponsibility, but of responsibility."—British Wireless.

CATHOLIC PRIEST LEADS REBELS.

ANOTHER BRIEF MEXICAN BATTLE.

Mexico City, Feb. 13.

Twelve rebels were killed and three captured and executed in the course of a brief battle near Coahuila.

According to official reports of the engagement four hundred rebels took part in the fight, directed by a Catholic priest and a rebel chieftain.—Reuter's American Service.

SPLENDID MACHINE READY.

LARGEST FLYING-BOAT IN BRITAIN.

London, Feb. 13.

Britain's largest passenger flying-boat, which has been christened "Calcutta," was launched at Rochester to-day.

It is an all-metal machine, developed on the lines of the flying-boat in which Sir Alan and Lady Cobham are touring Africa.

The machine carries fifteen passengers, and the engine develops 1,500 h.p., its top speed being 110 miles an hour, while it is capable of travelling seven hundred miles without alighting.—Reuter.

DOG IN THE MANGER.

PERSIA AND BRITISH AIR SERVICES.

London, Feb. 13.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, in the House of Commons to-day, was asked whether the Note recently sent to the Persian Government dealt with the subject of permission to British aeroplanes to fly over Southern Persian territory en route between Iraq and India.

The Foreign Secretary replied that the attention of the Persian Government had, on several recent occasions, been drawn to the desirability of concluding a friendly settlement of the questions outstanding between the two Governments, of which one was the establishment of a civil air service between Iraq and India.

Hitherto, the attitude of the Persian Government had not permitted such a service to be operated, but the negotiations were still proceeding.—British Wireless.

RUBBER CONTROL ENQUIRY.

MANY QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT.

NEW YORK KNEW BEFORE LONDON.

CAUTIOUS REPLIES.

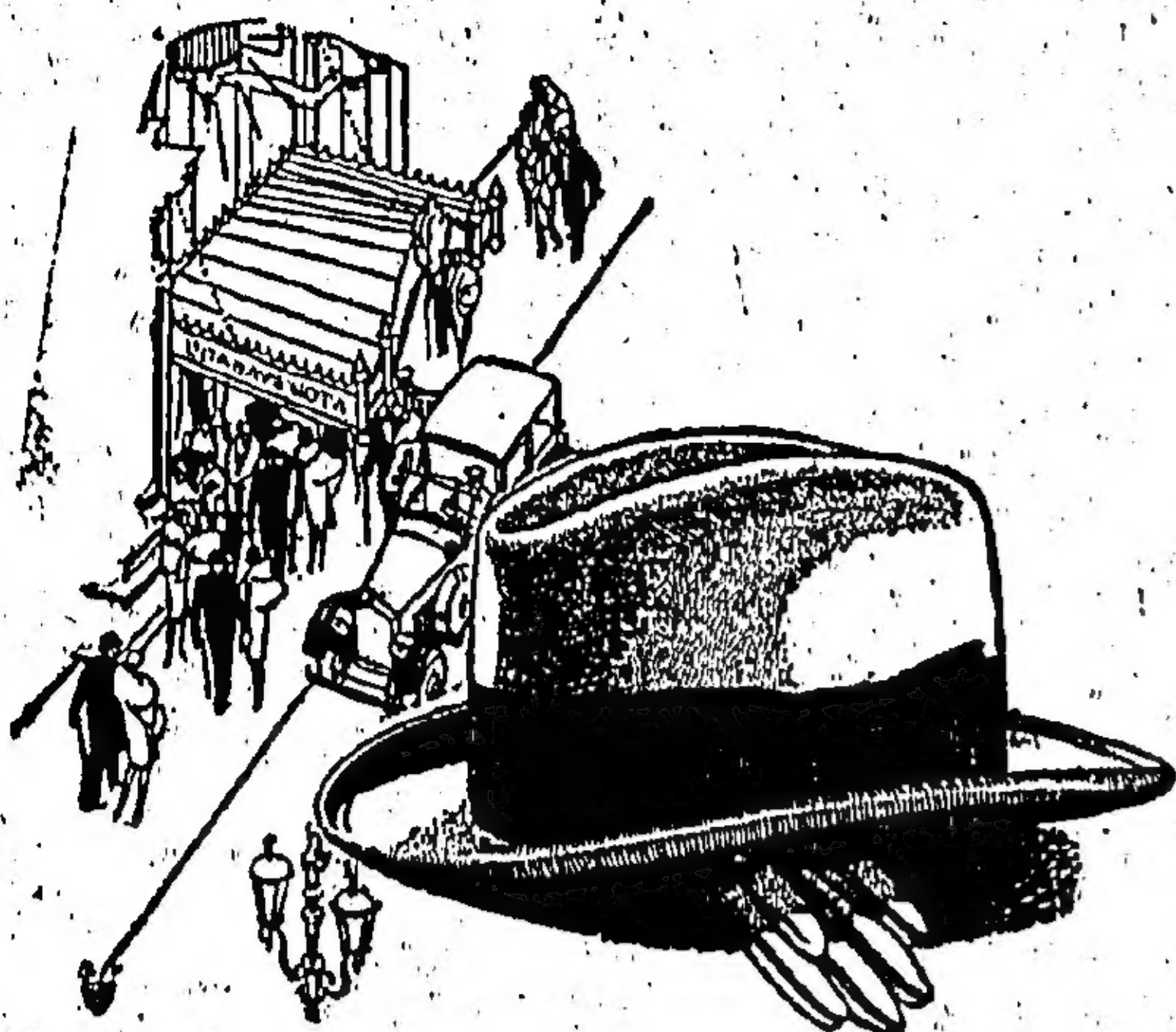
London, Feb. 13.

In the House of Commons, Sir W. Lans-Mitchell asked, in view of the anxiety and uncertainty of the rubber trade, owing to the announcement of the enquiry into the restriction scheme, whether Mr. Baldwin would give an assurance that long notice be given of any alteration, so that the trade would be able to carry on the assumption that the present scheme would continue in force for at least twelve months.

Mr. Baldwin replied that he was unable to anticipate the nature of the Committee's report or the action which the Government would take thereon. He asked for notice of a question as to whether the leaders of the rubber-producing industry would be consulted before any action was taken.

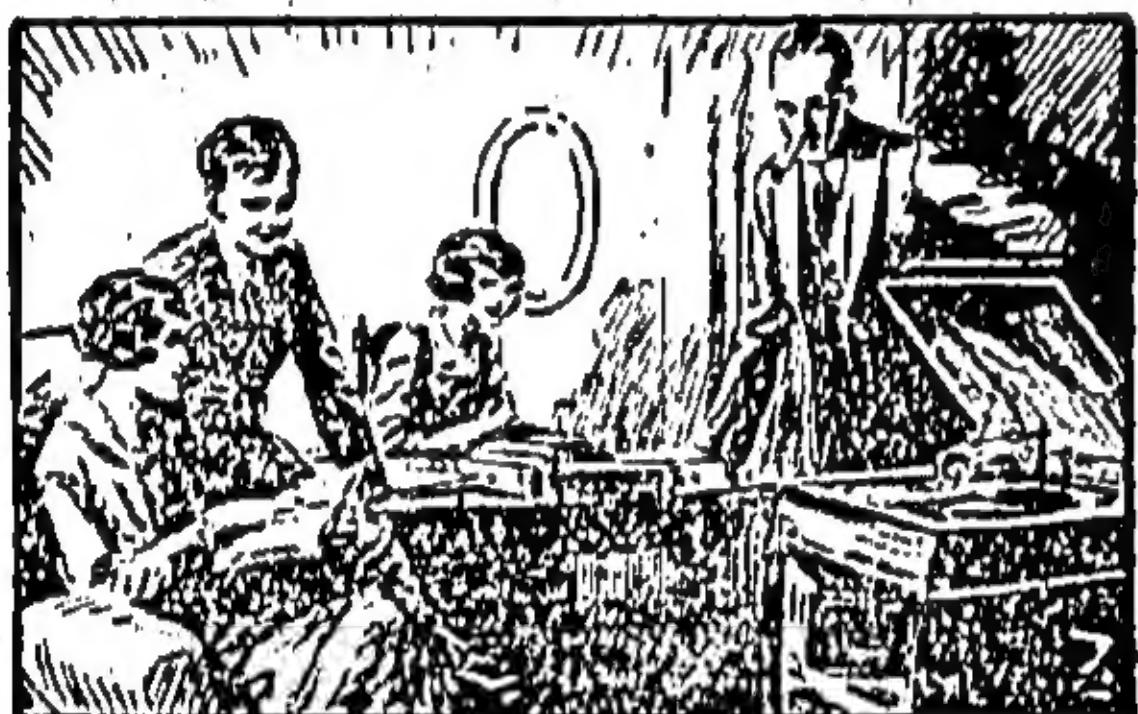
No Assurance.

Replying to members who dwell on the resentment caused owing to the news of the decision to enquire into the scheme being known in America before it was announced in London, and the inconvenience caused to business in the city by the sudden



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DRUGS IN CHINA.

FOREIGN TRADE IN TIENTSIN GROWS.

The demand for foreign drugs in Tientsin is rapidly growing owing to the increasing belief in foreign medicine by the Chinese and to the large number of wounded in the civil wars in North China, says the *Chinese Economic Bulletin*. At Tientsin there are many modern hospitals and dispensaries, for whose supply large quantities of drugs are imported every year.

According to the practice in this trade representatives at Tientsin of drug factories abroad import for sale usually at 1 to 15 per cent. discount. In the case of prepared medicines the discount is larger, sometimes as much as 50 per cent., but the dealers must retail at the price originally fixed. Drug stores pay one month after receipt of stock. The modern hospitals also buy from the local importers, but are allowed a smaller discount.

The Tientsin drug stores supply goods to Peking, Shanai, Shensi, Kansu and Shantung provinces. They generally make a profit and seldom lose money.

The majority of the foreign drug importing firms at Tientsin are of German nationality. During recent years drug factories in the United States have concentrated their attention on the China market, and appointed resident representatives to compete with the Germans.

HEUNGSHAN ROAD.

PROJECT TO OPEN UP A MODERN HIGHWAY.

A very interesting development of the Heungshan peninsula is promised in a project, which will shortly be inaugurated, to build a road round the greater part of it, and connecting Shekhi and Macao.

A Chinese syndicate has obtained a franchise from the Government at Canton to construct this highway, which has already been completed as far as Koo Huk, which is between 15 and 20 miles from Macao. The inauguration will be formally celebrated on March 4, when Mr. Wu Te-chen will officiate, going down from Canton specially for the ceremony.

The road is to be 32 feet wide throughout, and when completed will run from Kwan Chuk, at the Macao border, to Chinsan, on the west side of the Heungshan peninsula, then along the west coast through Chui Mi, Koo Huk, and other towns until Shekhi is reached. It will then run eastward across the isthmus to the other side of the peninsula, coming about half way down the east coast before turning inland to Koo Huk, where the west coast section will again be reached. The road will thus form a loop, with Koo Huk as the junction point.

This highway will be capable of carrying heavy traffic, and a system of tolls is to be adopted, from motor-buses and so forth, which will repay the outlay. The syndicate's capital is \$300,000, but the construction is to be carried out on co-operative community lines, the labour for different sections being provided by villagers through whose territory it will run.

The roadway is likely to prove very popular when completed. In the main, it will provide a means of communication free from the danger of attack by river pirates, who at present greatly handicap trade in this area. It will also open up a region of much interest, historical and otherwise. The road passes through a hot-springs district; and the historical association is provided by its touching the birth-places of Tong Shao-yi and Dr. Sun Yat-sen. It is also thought that important finds may be unearthed in the course of further excavations. During the digging already undertaken, a very ancient mirror, believed to be at least a thousand years old, has been discovered.

ALLEGED SHANGHAI FRAUD.

MANAGER OF INDIAN FIRM CHARGED.

In H. M. Supreme Court, at Shanghai last Tuesday, before his Honour Judge Sir Peter Grain, and a jury, a criminal case, the hearing of which will in all probability extend over three or four days and in which financial, mercantile, and exchange transactions of a most complicated and intricate nature involving nearly Tls. 50,000 are concerned, was commenced. The accused, Chithurasing Hirasing Bedi, formerly manager of the Indian firm of Watanmull Boolchand, was charged that being entrusted with moneys of Watanmull Boolchand, he fraudulently converted to the use and benefit of one S. G. Verma certain sums of money during a period extending from September, 1926, to November, 1926, amounting in all to Tls. 42,706.25.

There were three other charges involving smaller sums of money. Mr. A. G. Mossop, the Crown Advocate, and Mr. E. H. Platt prosecuted on behalf of the Crown and Mr. J. R. Jones appeared for the defence.

Plea of Not Guilty.

The charges were read over to accused, who pleaded "not guilty."

The Crown Advocate outlined the case for the prosecution. He said that the complainants are an Indian firm with offices in Shanghai, Canton, Hongkong and Hyderabad. The head office is at the latter place, and the proprietor of the firm is a Mr. A. Lalchand, who resides in India. The firm is concerned with the export of silk and goods of that description from China. The capital used in Shanghai was Tls. 40,000, which was kept in some six banks in Shanghai, the company's credit being very good.

In 1925, the accused Bedi was sent out from India with the object of working in the company's offices in the Far East and, in 1925, Bedi took over the management of the Shanghai branch, becoming the accredited agent of the company with power to sign cheques and documents.

Among the accused's duties was the making to Hongkong and India of weekly reports of exports and to send monthly statements showing the business that had been done during the month.

Alleged Advances.

In September 1926 an Indian, named S. S. Verma, arrived in Shanghai representing a San Francisco firm named The India-American Trading Co., and, becoming acquainted with the accused, was given a desk in the latter's office, and also resided in the same house as the accused at the premises provided by Messrs. Watanmull Boolchand in North Szechuen Road. The prosecution allege that these two men were friends, and that as a result of the friendship the accused committed the acts which he is alleged to have done. The Crown allege that Bedi started off by advancing monies to Verma; drew cheques on Watanmull Boolchand for large sums of money, which cheques he gave to Verma, not against goods, but as pure payments. It is alleged that he had no authority to do so, and that had it been known to his employers, they would promptly have stopped such dealings.

In order to cover these advances, it is alleged further that he drew "clean" bills of exchange through the Netherlands Trading Society and the Netherland Indische Handelsbank on the India American Trading Co. in San Francisco. The bills had no documents attached, and it is stated were not drawn against goods sold. By reason of the good standing of his firm, the accused, it is alleged, was able to negotiate

MANILA FRAUD.

PESOS 60,000 WORTH OF GOODS REMOVED.

A prominent firm located in the Port Area is the victim of a fraud involving the possible loss of Pesos, 60,000 in merchandise, it was learned in Manila last week.

The manager of the defrauded firm personally reported discovery of the "crooked" deal to the city fiscal's office. The Manila Police and Secret Service heads were likewise notified of the latest big "steal," and have been asked to cooperate in the apprehension of the swindlers.

The fiscal's office and police authorities refused to comment on the case. It is understood that several suspects have been named and the officials wish no publicity to hamper their investigations.

It was learned, however, that a "foreigner or foreign firm," with the aid of a trusted employee of the alleged defrauded firm, has succeeded in withdrawing goods valued at pesos 60,000 from that company's warehouses. It was further learned that the employee mentioned already has disappeared.

these drafts, and also overdraw D-A bills on the same American trading company through the same bank. The Crown alleges that he would send goods value, say, \$1,000 to San Francisco, but would draw bills for say, \$2,000, which necessitated the making out of two invoices, a false one for the larger amount being sent to the banks, and the correct, and smaller, one to San Francisco, the surplus money being credited to Verma's account. In due time, so the prosecution aver, when the bills fell due they were not met, and Messrs. Watanmull Boolchand were under the necessity of repaying banks who had advanced these large sums of money. In order to cover up these advances to Verma, it is alleged, the accused in his monthly reports to Hongkong, and India credited Verma's account each month, so as to square it, by pretending that a cheque had been paid for the amounts, he credited Verma's account and debited one or another of the banks, and owing to the entries being made in that way, as alleged by the prosecution, neither Hongkong nor Hyderabad knew anything about the transactions. With regard to the D/A drafts, Bedi is alleged to have debited Verma's account with "Goods Purchased," so leading his employers to assume that the money had been spent in that direction.

Hongkong Discovery.

Discovery arose by the Hongkong office learning, through a third party, that the India American Trading Company in San Francisco had been dishonouring their bills, and the Hongkong manager promptly wired to the accused to be careful and cease doing business with Verma, when, it is alleged, the accused was forced to wire to his employers at Hongkong that Verma had dishonoured drafts to the extent of Tels 48,000 which, naturally, was a great shock to them, and upon enquiries being made the present prosecution was launched.

Doultram, an Indian clerk, who had kept the books, gave formal evidence of the dishonoured cheques, and of entries which, he swore, he had made in the books at the accused's instructions.

The witness was very closely cross-examined by Mr. Jones for the defence, his evidence being of a highly complicated and technical nature, and was still in the box when the court rose for the day. Admissions were obtained from him that the translations of the books were inaccurate, and that there had been goods actually purchased and paid for to the extent of Tels 34,000 odd.

The case was adjourned.

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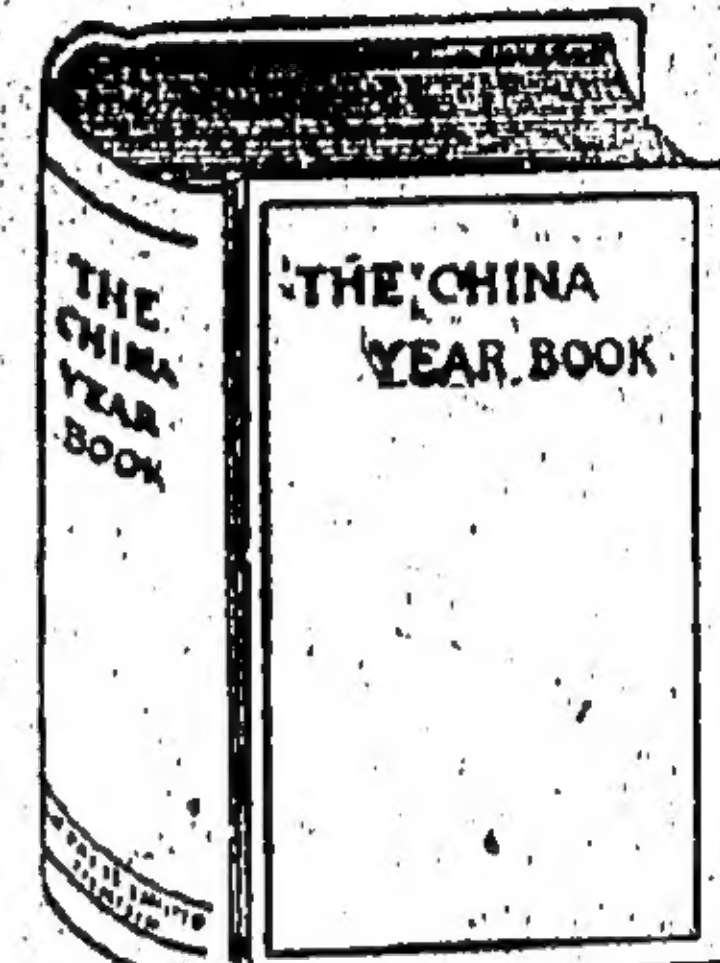
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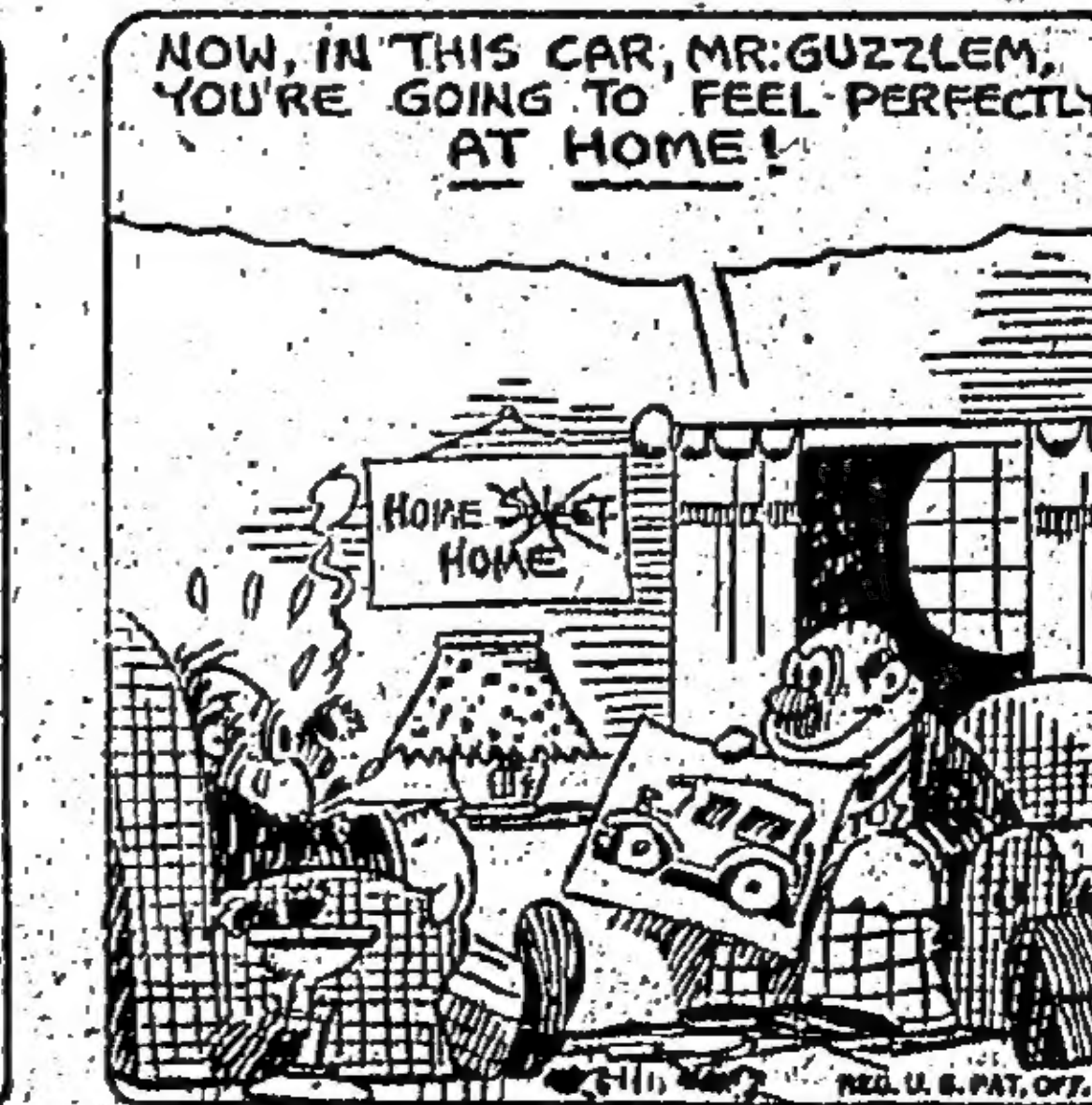
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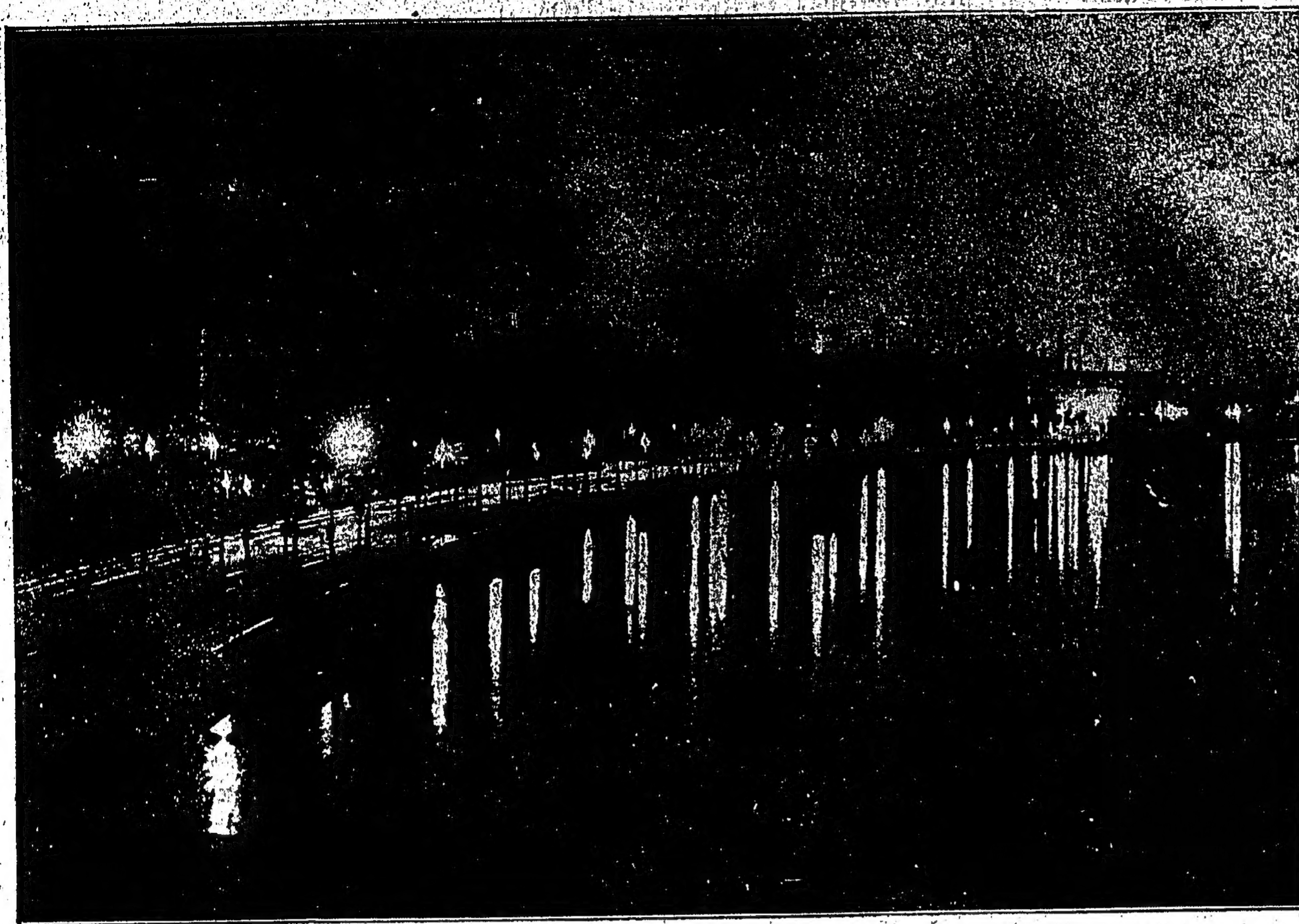
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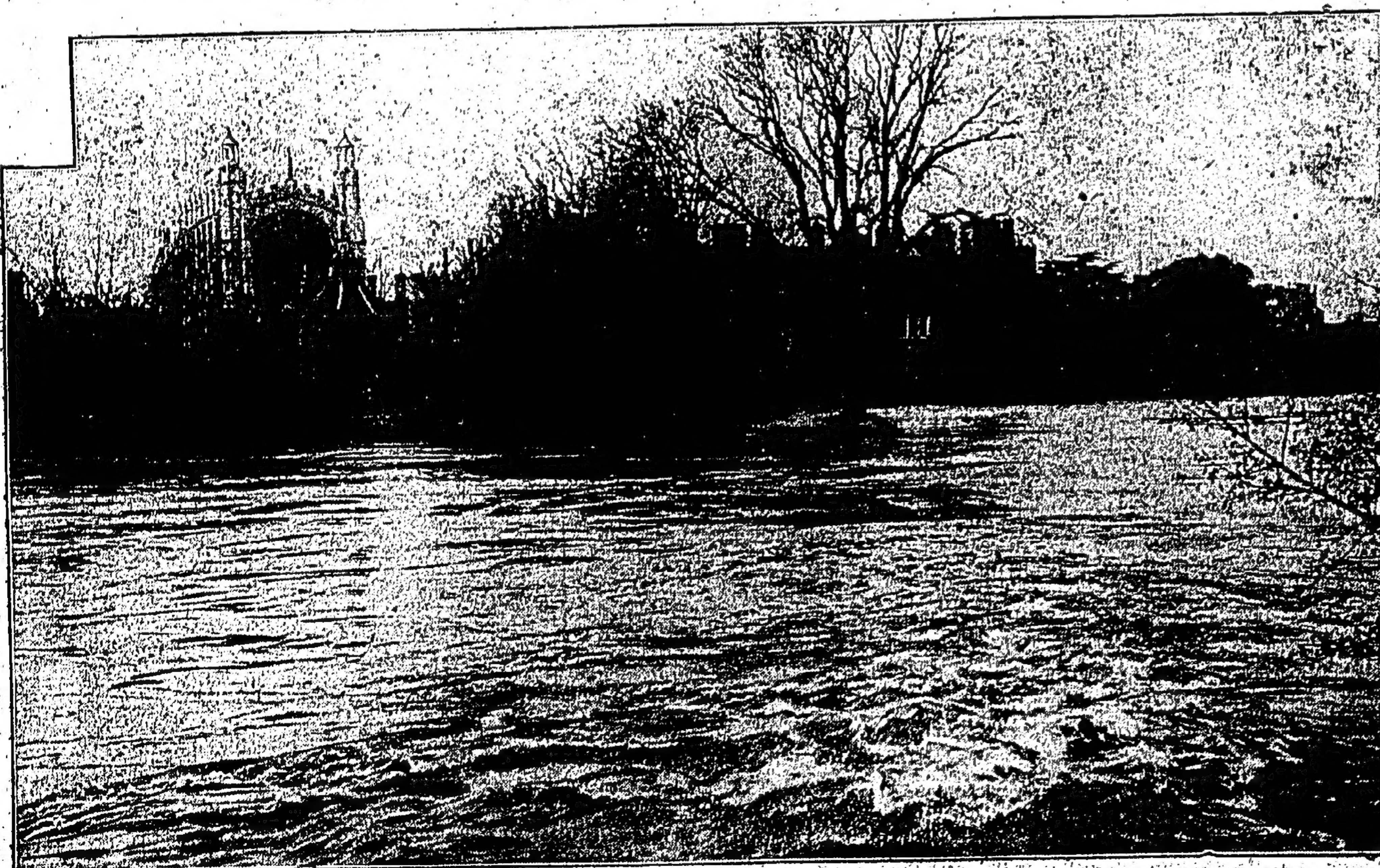
A moonlight view of the river Thames taken from Waterloo Bridge, looking towards the City and St. Paul's. The swollen state of the river is shown. It is almost on a level with the roadway of the Victoria Embankment. (Times copyright).



A scene in the main street at Molesey, near London, where the floods were severe.



New York witnessed a spectacular conflagration when fire from surface oil on the Hudson destroyed two waterfront blocks in Hoboken on the opposite shore. Here is seen the burning Clyde Liner Seneca turning over at her pier.



Another photograph showing the flooded areas at Eton, as they appeared during the serious floods recently. (Times copyright).

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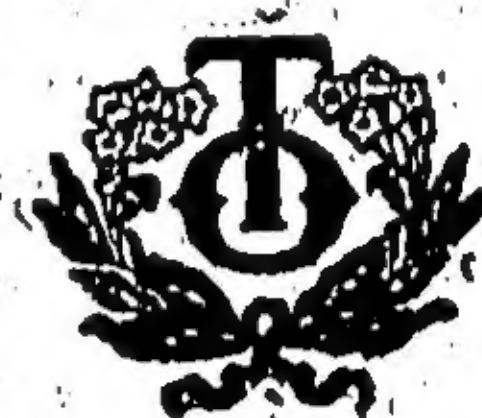
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Draft programmes and entry forms of the Sixth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Sunday, 4th March, 1928, can be obtained upon application to The International Race & Recreation Club of Macao, Ltd., Hongkong Jockey Club and Causeway Bay Stables, Hongkong.

Entries will close on Friday, 24th February, 1928, at 3 p.m.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

"TREVESA" TROPHY.

The ninth bi-annual race, for ships' lifeboats will be sailed on Wednesday the 14th March next, starting at 4 p.m.

Each ship may enter any number of boats.
Course.—Start from Channel Rocks, thence to Kowloon Rock (P), Mark off Yacht Club (S), Cust Rock Gas Buoy (P), finish at the Yacht Club across the line from West to East.

Competing Boats must be at the starting line by 3.30 p.m. and place themselves under the Starter's orders so that they can be lined up before the gun is fired.

Ships proposing to enter boats are requested to notify the Hon. Secretary, Royal Hongkong Yacht Club, not later than noon on the 14th March.

R. J. VERNALL,
Hon. Sec., R.H.K.Y.C.
Hongkong, 13th Feb. 1928.

HONGKONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of this Association will be held in the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., on Wednesday, 22nd February, 1928, at 5.30 p.m., to pass and adopt the Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927, and to elect Officers, etc.

By Order,
G. E. S. UPSDELL,
Hon. Secretary.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 25th February, 1928, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday the 13th February to Saturday the 25th February, 1928 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Court of Directors
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 6th Feb., 1928.

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Thursday, the 16th February, 1928, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927, and if thought fit to sanction the payment to the Directors of the yearly sum of \$1,000.00 as an annual bonus in addition to the yearly sum of \$1,000.00 payable to them under paragraph 96 of the Company's Articles of Association as from the 1st January, 1928. The purpose of this is to make effective the following resolution passed at the Annual Meeting of the Company held on 28th January, 1927: "That the Directors' remuneration be increased from \$1,000.00 per annum to \$2,000.00 per annum."

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be closed from Monday, the 6th February, 1928 to Thursday, the 16th February, 1928, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
P. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 30th January, 1928.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1928.

13th, 14th, 15th & 16th February.

The first Race on each day will be run at 12 o'clock noon. The first bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. each day.

MEMBERS' BADGES.

Members' Badges of Admission are now ready and may be obtained by those members who have not already received them, from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Members are reminded that these Badges will also admit them to all the Extra Race Meetings of this year.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members have the privilege of introducing two non-members to the Members' Enclosure.

A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before Saturday, 11th February, 1928 at a cost of \$10 each per day or \$30 for the Meeting.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$4 per day. Each member can obtain upon application to the Secretary, badges for the admission of two Ladies free of charge.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first three days of racing.

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Tickets of Admission to the Public Enclosure, price \$3 per day for all persons including Ladies, may be purchased from Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd. or at the Gate.

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SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination, and to endorse their names on the passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' attendants.

Any persons found loitering about with "Servants' Passes" in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Fanling Hunt Steeplechase.

Spring Meeting.

Saturday, 3rd March, 1928.

Entry forms to be returned to Dr. F. Pierce Grove, Alexandra Building, BEFORE NOON, Monday, 20th Feb.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the First Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday 25th February 1928 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club, and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries will close at 12 o'clock noon on Monday, 20th February, 1928.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 4a, Des Voeux Road, on TUESDAY, 28th February, 1928, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 15th February, to TUESDAY, 28th February, 1928, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order
of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1928.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

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From:	Per:	Date
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and		
Shanghai	Chenau	February 14.
Straits	Fooksang	February 15.
Shanghai and Swatow	Suiyang	February 15.
Australia and Manila	Tango Maru	February 16.
Japan and Shanghai	Khyber	February 17.
Europe via Suez (Letters and parcels 12th January)		
London 19th January, and parcels		
Straits	Kashmir	February 17.
Japan	Hakono Maru	February 19.
Shanghai	Mishima Maru	February 21.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Hector	February 21.
Japan and Shanghai	Emp. of Russia	February 23.
Straits	Katori Maru	February 24.
	Sawa Maru	March 4.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For:	Per:	Date
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	D'Artagnan	Tues., Feb. 14, K.P.O.
	Registration	1 p.m.
	Letters	1 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Registration	1.45 p.m.
	Letters	2.30 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles 16th March)	
Straits and Calcutta	Takada	Tues., Feb. 14, K.P.O.
	Parcels	2 p.m.
	Letters	3 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Jackson	Tues., Feb. 14, 4.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Tai Ming	Tues., Feb. 14, 4.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America, Europe via Vancouver, B.C. and Europe via Siberia	Empress of Canada	Tues., Feb. 14, 5 p.m.
	Parcels	3 p.m.
	Registration	4.15 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
	(Due Vancouver, B.C. 4th March)	
Swatow	Hangsang	Tues., Feb. 14, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Taiwan Maru	Wed., Feb. 15, 8.30 a.m.
Hoihow and Tourans	Phranang	Wed., Feb. 15, 8.30 a.m.
Formosa	Keino Maru	Wed., Feb. 15, 10.30 a.m.
Java via Sourabaya	Tjitaroen	Wed., Feb. 15, 2.30 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America, and Europe via Victoria, B.C.	Talhybus	Thurs., Feb. 16, 10.30 a.m.
	Registration	9.45 a.m.
	Letters	10.30 a.m.
	(Due Victoria, B.C. 18th March)	
Straits	Cremor	Thurs., Feb. 16, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Yunnan	Thurs., Feb. 16, 2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangon	Thurs., Feb. 16, 2.30 p.m.
Formosa	West Coast	Thurs., Feb. 16, 2.30 p.m.

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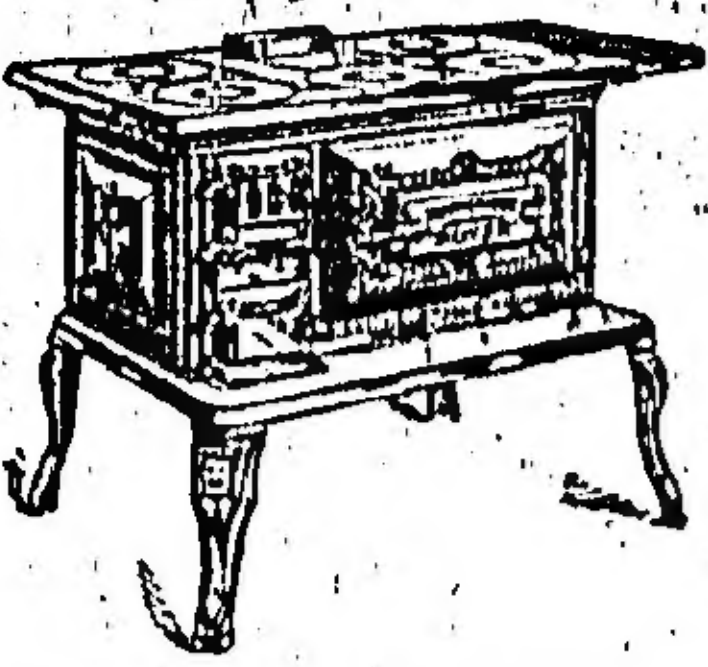
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When, in July, 1925, Mr. Arthur Samuel, then Secretary of the Overseas Trade Department, appointed a Committee, under the presidency of Major Hills M.P., to examine into the benefits likely to accrue to export trade from insurance against bad debts, he could scarcely have thought it possible that the operation of this section of the Department would be so wide today.

After the Committee had reported, and the Government had given the necessary powers, there came the Coal Strike, and it was not till July of last year that the "floating" contract—the most popular method of guaranteeing credits—was introduced.

In the five months which had elapsed, contracts covering about £1,250,000 worth of business have been issued; and the Export Credits Office has been compelled to move into larger premises—9, Clements-lane, Lombard-street.

This ever-growing business is being carried on at no cost to the taxpayer—indeed, though the scheme was never intended to make a profit, it may even prove a source of revenue if it continues to expand at the present rate.

Scope of the Scheme.

The Department is authorised to guarantee, up to 75 per cent. of their face value, sterling bills of exchange in connexion with the export of British goods. The guarantee is unconditional; it covers all risks, and payment is made immediately on default. It applies to all countries except Russia.

The "floating" contract is worked much on the lines of Marine Insurance policies. Mostly, the credits run for 90 days at a fraction of three-quarters of one per cent; but quite a lot of business is done—especially in the British Empire—at a half of one per cent.

There is growing also a demand for long term credits for big contracts in the engineering and electrical trades; while the shorter term contracts embrace transactions in almost every variety of British manufacture.

The one exception is the Far Eastern trade in textiles; for the merchants of Manchester and Bradford do not want to be inter-fered with.

New Business.

Most of the business the Department does is new. A manufacturer who can afford to give credit himself up to, say £10,000, comes to the Department, and with its help extends his credit—and therefore his trade—to perhaps double that amount. Moreover, the banks are co-operating largely with this Government establishment, and will often lend money for short terms on the credit of these "floating" contracts.

One reason why the Department can operate so successfully is because it has the advantage of the British Consular and Diplomatic Service all over the world. Thus, it is made aware of coming economic and financial developments; and what is of equal, if not of more immediate importance, it has the services of the finest debt-collecting agency on the globe.

When Major Hills' Committee was set up the Germans promptly established an export credits scheme of their own on different lines. The German banks—unlike the British—are closely allied with the great industries; so that in that country, as in America, long term credits have been available for years past. This has been one of the handicaps on British manufacturers when competing for contracts of magnitude; but the new Department is helping to an ever-growing extent.

Recent discussions with coal exporters give good ground for hoping that considerable assistance may be afforded to that much depressed industry.

WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Women's "Make-up."

[By Lady Kitty Vincent.]

I have often wondered why "make-up" is mentioned with bated breath as being akin to one of the seven deadly sins. Certainly, it is often inartistic and out of place, but I cannot conceive that it can ever be morally wrong. To make up in the hunting field, for instance, would be in the worst possible taste; for there is a quiet, workmanlike appearance is essential. Make-up before a hard game of tennis, where the exertion entailed would be apt to cause distressing mixture of rouge and eyelash black, would be indefensible.

But why not allow a woman to improve her appearance when wearing a smart dress by adding a little colour? Some hats positively shriek for a bright lip-stick to carry out the general scheme, and many an evening gown would not be half so becoming if a little colour were not added to the cheeks. In many cases the fashionable tint is so bright that nobody could imagine that it was natural, so that there is not even the question of deceit to be considered.

Foreigners think that we look positively undressed in the evenings with no make-up, and they ask not unreasonably why rouge should be considered immoral when powder is condoned.

Curiously, a wig has never been thought to be wrong, even by the most narrow-minded, but is generally treated as something rather humorous. Yet a wig is certainly meant to deceive the onlookers into believing that it is the wearer's own hair.

A woman with red hair and a fair skin can look perfectly lovely if her eyebrows and eyelashes are dark, while if they are allowed to remain sandy she appears nondescript. Why, then, should she not be allowed to make the best of herself? Pale lips are positively ugly, and surely it is a pity that they should remain so when two dabs with a lip-stick can make them look lovely. "If Providence intended us to have scarp lips we should have been born with them," we are told by the objectors. We are not born with clothes, so evidently Providence leaves something to our own initiative.

Desires.

I have in mind to see before I die

These things: old tombs of Kings in Egypt's land; Palmyra's columns, strewn 'mid wastes of sand; Haroun's famed city, starlit-fabled; high

Rock-hewn Persepolis; the isles that lie Lush and mysterious in the eastern sea; Paro'd Burma; and, most dear to me, Some southern beach under a moon-bathed sky.

But let me die at least in some quiet room Beside an English stream, deep-bosomed, slow, On whose far bank the branches interlaced

Sigh murmuringly, and by my window placed That when the westing sun was plunged to gloom,

I may find rest, wrapt in the afterglow.

A. I. S. In Glasgow Herald.

Afternoon tea
Dainties.

ALMOND HORSESHOES.

These attractive biscuits are not difficult to make, and are popular for afternoon tea, as bridge refreshments, or at any buffet meal.

Put ½ lb. of ground almonds, ½ lb. of castor sugar, and ½ oz. of rice flour into a mortar. Pound lightly adding gradually the yolks of 3 eggs. When well mixed roll out and cut into narrow strips about 3 inches long. Roll the strips in an ounce of coarsely chopped almonds and shape into horseshoes. Place them on a sheet of water or rice paper on a baking tin in a moderate oven from 15 to 20 minutes. When slightly cooled remove them from the tin and cut the paper to fit.

One Part "Actress."

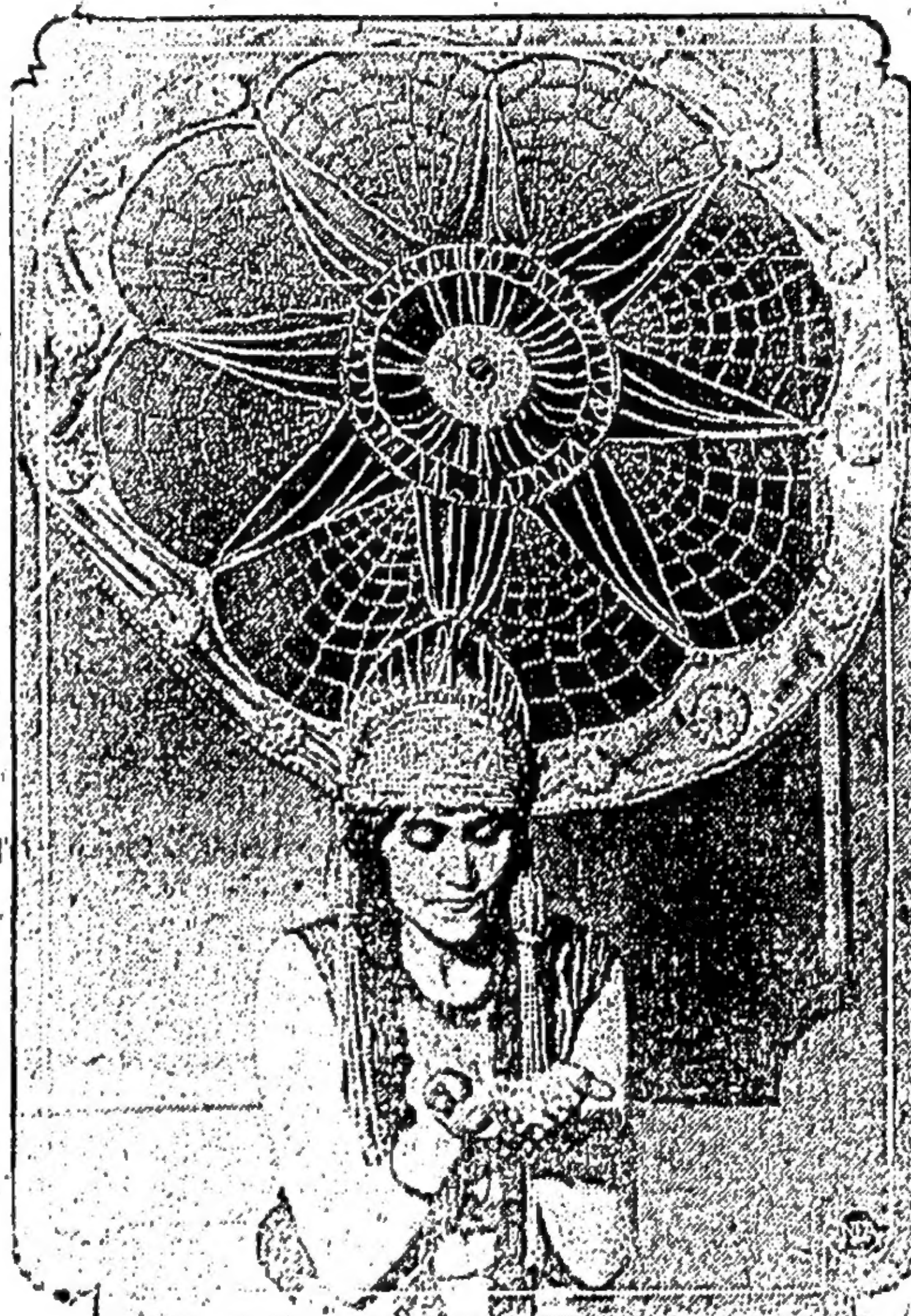
[By Jeanne de Casalis.]

The stage has no more pathetic actress.

Having once succeeded in a certain role, a woman often finds herself condemned to play that type of character for ever. I know an actress to-day who is still playing, much against her will, the old woman parts she first tried years ago and another who cannot escape from her stage reputation of an up-to-date, smart, and cynical modern girl.

It is astonishing to see the tenacity with which many managers and producers adhere to their first conceptions of a player's capabilities. Nor are they the only ones to blame. The pub-

Worn at Chelsea Arts Ball.



This head-dress was worn by Miss Barbara Weeks at the Chelsea Arts Ball in London and represents "The Goddess of Pearl." It is a great be-tasselled spider-web of pearls nearly six feet in diameter.

Vanilla Wafers.

Sieve ½ lb. of cornflour, 1 oz. of flour, and ½ teaspoonful of baking powder into a basin. Rub in 2 oz. of butter, sweeten with 2 oz. of castor sugar, and add 15 drops of vanilla essence. Beat up an egg, and mix it with the dry ingredients, knead lightly, and roll out about ¼ in. thick on a floured board. Cut into fingers, sift castor sugar over, place on a greased baking tin, and bake in a slow oven 10 to 15 minutes, or until pale brown.

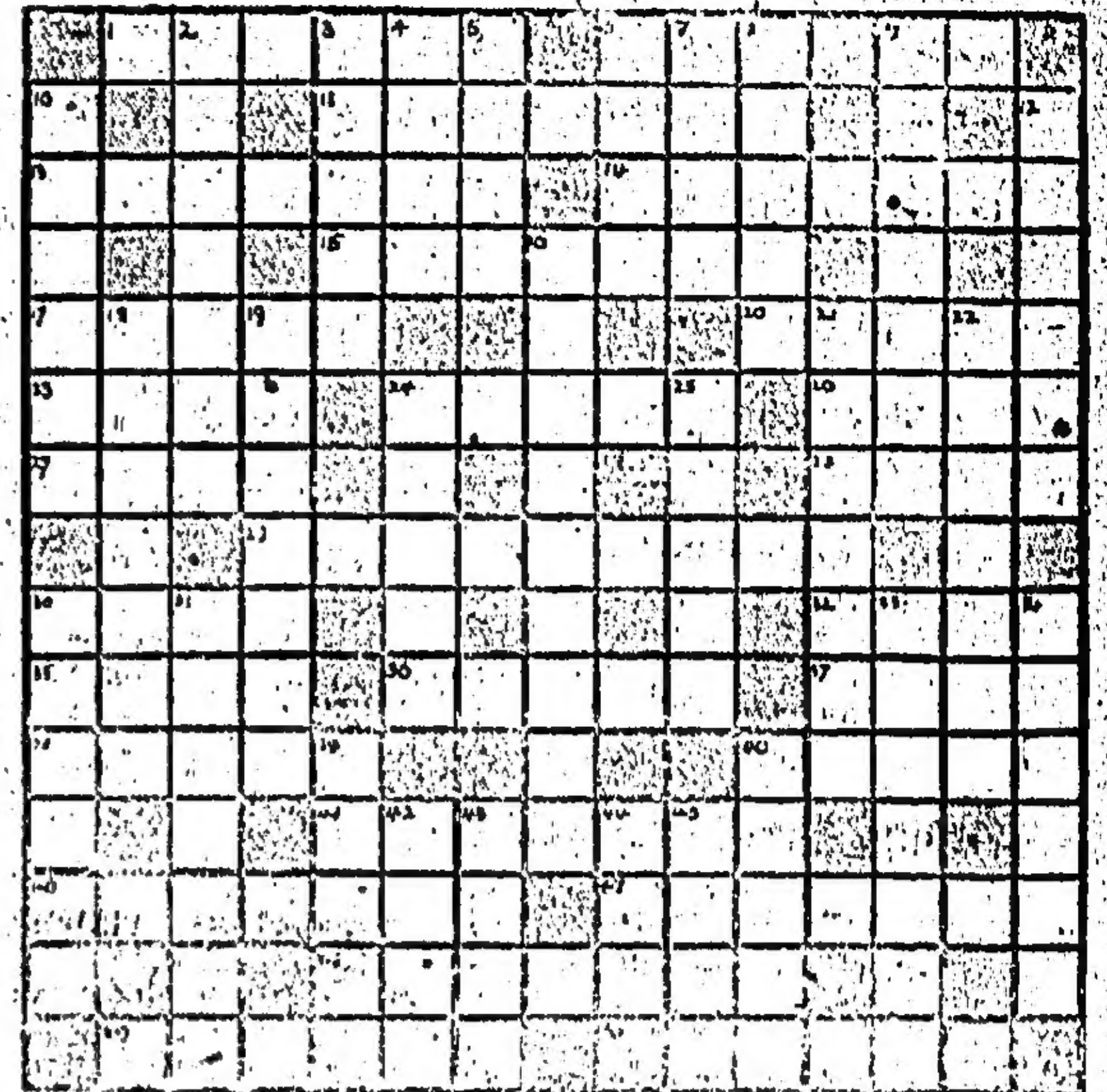
These are very short, so care must be taken not to break them when removing them from the tin. Almond or lemon essence may be used for flavouring, in which case the biscuits are called almond or lemon wafers.

He, too, are apt to label actors and actresses, according to the suggestion that they could play parts of another kind.

I have seen so much talent hopelessly buried beneath this "one part" fallacy that I almost tremble when I hear of some player's early success.

I firmly believe that if the players already before the public all had a chance to do their best work there would be no need to comb the world in search of stars, nor lament the dearth of talent. All the material we want is here among those who might have been great had not early success condemned them to the monotony of a single part.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



- Across.
- 1 Agree to a proposition.
 - 11 Interloper.
 - 13 Reunited.
 - 14 One of a class of priests of ancient Rome.
 - 15 One who travels on foot.
 - 17 Square measures.
 - 20 Pointed stakes.
 - 23 Opening into room.
 - 24 Try by eating.
 - 26 Nearest in place.
 - 27 English Queen.
 - 28 Snakes.
 - 29 Framing of timber in connection with bridge building.
 - 30 Blockhead.
 - 32 Erase.
 - 35 On the lee side.
 - 36 Acts furiously.
 - 37 So be it.
 - 38 Black-skinned man.
 - 40 Wrong.
 - 41 Fears that agitate the mind.
 - 42 To call.
 - 47 Season with spice.
 - 48 With one leg on each side.
 - 49 French measures of length.
 - 50 Scope allowed.
- Down.
- 2 Large kettle.
 - 3 Gives out.
 - 4 Ruminant quadruped.
 - 5 Name of two Scandinavian books.
 - 6 Hit with open hand.
 - 7 Small lake.
 - 8 Encroach.
 - 9 Tumbles down.
 - 10 Fleet of armed ships.
 - 12 Is in being.

- 16 One who conveys despatches.
- 18 Express sympathy to one in grief.
- 19 One who builds.
- 21 Transposition of letters of a word.
- 22 Makes bare.
- 24 Regulator of musical instruments.
- 25 Mohammedan chief.
- 30 Dandelion.
- 31 One to whom a legacy is bequeathed.
- 33 Gelatinous substance procured from wheat starch.
- 34 Followed as a consequence.
- 39 Perfume from flowers.
- 40 Opposed to a liability.
- 42 Otherwise.
- 43 Steeps flax in water.
- 44 A person's decess.
- 45 Advice.

Yesterday's Solution.

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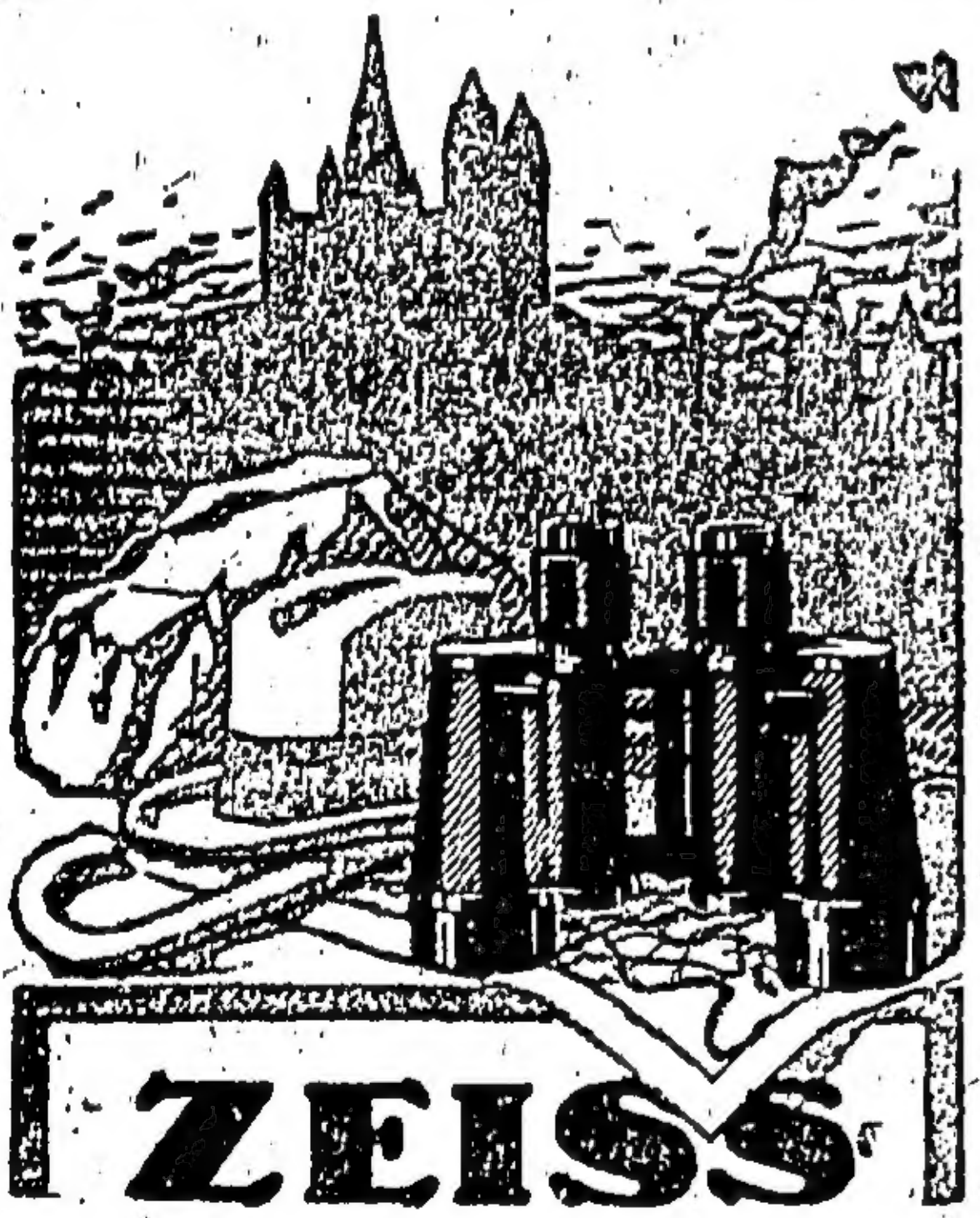
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DECLINE OF SOCIALISM.

The recent resignation of Mr. Philip Snowden from the Chairmanship of the Independent Labour Party has led to the question being raised at home as to how many, if any, of Britain's so-called Socialist leaders are really Socialists at heart. One well-known writer, who has been giving his views on the subject, cites the case of Mr. Snowden as being only one example of former Socialist leaders who no longer cling to the faith, and in support of that statement he quotes the political actions of the Labour ex-Chancellor of the Exchequer, including his strong opposition not only to what is known as "direct action," but also to the strike idea generally.

It must be remembered that Socialism in its original, and, indeed, only sense, and as taught by the I. L. P., means the supremacy of internationalism over nationalism, the abolition of the principle of private property, and the ultimate disbandment of the Army and Navy. Indirectly, it implies the break-up of the British Empire. Bearing these points in mind, can it be said that our Labour Leaders at home are Socialists? When the Labour Government was in power, it was certainly made clear to India that there was to be no break-up of the Empire; whilst when the real crisis of the Great War was reached we cannot recall our Labour leaders placing internationalism above nationalism. Even Mr. H. G. Wells has, in his recent book, "William Clissold," declared that "Socialism has become no more than a memory, a used label, in my own life." When we come to the Trade Unions, it is a well-known fact that only about ten per cent. of the members usually attend the branch meetings, and of this percentage it is doubtful whether any considerable number are convinced Socialists. The I. L. P. has been described as "the brain of Labour," but its membership to-day is only half what it was some years ago, and even so, the Party is hopelessly divided into conflicting groups. Then, what about the Communist Party? According to figures recently disclosed, at numbers at the most, five thousand members out of a country of forty-five million, and it must not be overlooked that Socialists and Communists are by no means the same; they stand

for different aims and different methods as well.

It will be seen that, when we come to analyse matters, Socialism is not the force which some of the extremists would have us believe. Indeed, according to Mr. Shaw Desmond, the author and journalist, there are fewer Socialists in England to-day than there were fifty years ago. So far as the masses are concerned, the majority cannot have any real conceptions of what Socialism is, whilst as for our Labour leaders, increased responsibility has, as it always does, brought moderation in outlook. Regarding the future, the Labourites and the so-called Socialists may eventually unite in a sort of constitutional democratic party, whose aim will be to make things better for the "under dog." But we need hardly have any fear that the out-and-out Socialist or revolutionist will play any vital part in the politics of the nation.

Generous Gifts.

To an already long list of generous Chinese benefactors in the cause of educational progress in Hongkong, must be added the names of Mr. Kwok Siu-lau and Mr. Wu Hay-long. It was announced yesterday that Mr. Kwok has presented a cheque for \$50,000 to the Hongkong University to be applied to such purposes as may be deemed to be in the institution's best interests, this munificent donation following closely upon the gift of \$100,000 by Mr. Wu Hay-long for educational purposes, the only condition attaching to the contribution being that the fund shall be devoted to scholarships. Public-spirited Chinese have always set a splendid example in tangible admiration and encouragement of learning, and the selflessness of such benefactors is manifest in the freedom granted to the responsible authorities regarding the manner of their dispensation. In a letter thanking Mr. Kwok Siu-lau, H.E. the Governor, in his double capacity as Governor of Hongkong and Chancellor of the University, expresses the hope that the generous donation will encourage others to help the University to overcome its financial difficulties and to widen its sphere of usefulness, a wish which will be heartily endorsed by all who have the betterment of Hongkong's educational facilities at heart. The good work done by the University has been threatened by serious deficiency in monetary resources, but the fear that it will disappear if Mr. Kwok's splendid example is followed. Then the Chinese there is no race which acts a greater store by learning and knowledge, and it is the Hongkong Chinese who are largely to be thanked for such achievement as has been accomplished by the Hongkong University. The Colony is deeply grateful for the overture gifts recently recorded, and the donors will need no assurance that their wishes such as are expressed will be faithfully respected.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Feb. 13.

Paris	124
Geneva	25.385
Berlin	20.44
Oslo	13.31
Helsingfors	103.74
Athens	307.74
Buenos Aires	47.7
Yokohama	1/11.1/32
New York	4.87 13/32
Amsterdam	12.10 1/2
Stockholm	18.16
Vienna	34.625
Madrid	28.705
Bucharest	7.92 1/2
Bombay	1/8
Brussels	35
Milan	32.05
Copenhagen	18.20
Prague	104.4
Lisbon	2.13/64
Rio	5.15/16
Shanghai	2.0/4
Silver (spot and forward)	20 1/2

—British Wireless.

The theft of Mrs. Roland Bradwell's jewellery from her residence in Meyer Road, Singapore, recently was, echoed in the Second Court last week, when the house cooie and "boy" were charged with the theft. In opposing bail, Court Inspector Meeten said that the actual cost of the jewellery was about \$10,000. Mrs. Bradwell left the house in charge of the accused when she went out on Saturday evening, and on her return later the same day she discovered that her jewellery was missing. The case was postponed for further enquiries.

DAY BY DAY.

THE WISE MAN IS NEVER SATISFIED THAT HE KNOWS, BUT THE FOOL KNOWS THAT IS SATISFIED.—W. C. Prichard.

The P. and O. s.s. Kashmir, from Singapore, is due here at 6 a.m. on the 17th instant.

Among the passengers who left to-day by the s.s. Chingto were Mr. L. M. Whyte and Mr. R. J. Birbeck.

The tourist ships Belgenland and Empress of Australia left Hongkong yesterday, the former at 5 p.m. and the latter at 10 p.m.

The seismographic station at Toledo has recorded a very violent earthquake with its epicentre 4,500 miles distant, probably on the ocean bed in the Eastern Pacific or in the Southern Atlantic.

A Chinese case of typhoid was reported from Victoria yesterday. In the course of the week ended Feb. 11, two cases of diphtheria (one fatal) were reported, and four non-fatal cases of typhoid (one British, one Indian and two Chinese).

Further thefts of telephone wire were reported by Mr. A. N. Braude, of the Hongkong Telephone Company, to the police this morning. Thieves were active last night on the hillside of Shaukiwan and succeeded in removing a length of wire valued at \$20.

A wireless message was received at the Water Police Station this morning, to the effect that a match was on fire at Cheung Chau, at about midnight. The police and the villagers put out the fire. Two boys, living in the match, were reported burned to death.

Nine men were charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Police Court this morning, with being in possession of a bomb. The defendants were arrested in a recent police raid at No. 2, Percival Street, Wanchai. They were remanded on an application from the Captain Superintendent of Police.

Lon Chaney's remarkable film, "He Who Gets Slapped," will be the movie attraction at the Star Theatre to-day and to-morrow. Besides presenting Lon Chaney in one of his greatest roles as the tragic clown, this picture is notable for the fine acting of John Gilbert and Norma Shearer at the head of a brilliant supporting cast.

Among the passengers passing through Hongkong on board the M. M. s.s. D'Artagnan are Mr. and Mrs. E. Sigaut, Mr. Sigaut is member of the French Municipal Council in Shanghai, Agent General of the Far East for the Messageries Maritimes and Managing Director of the Societe Kiosin. Also, on board passing through is Mr. Flori, Chief of the French Police in Shanghai.

"Two Arabian Knights" is being screened at the Queen's Theatre for the last time this evening. The story deals with the escapades of two soldiers who escape from prison camp, and after many adventures, ultimately arrive in Arabia. The leading players are William Boyd, popular screen star, Louis Wolheim, the original "Captain Flag" of the stage play, "What Price Glory?" and Mary Astor, leading lady for Douglas Fairbanks in "Don Q." and for John Barrymore in "Beau Brummel."

The following is an extract from a letter received by the Southern Irish Loyalist Relief Association, 12, Palmer-street, S.W. 1, from a correspondent in the West of Ireland: "I have had some desperate cases to deal with lately, as, for instance, a family who exist in a miserable hovel outside the town. The father is dying, and the mother has just been confined. There are already six young children, practically naked and starving, their only food being raw turnips and salt. 'Your help and the blankets have been the saving of this family.'"

Two trustees from the Socialist Party and two from the Co-operative Movement—two men and two women (all under 50)—have been appointed by the trustees as administrators of the Dyke Acland Travelling Scholarships. A bequest of \$10,000 under the will of the late Sir Arthur Dyke Acland was earmarked for travelling scholarships to enable young men and women between the ages of 20 and 30 to do research work on labour and co-operative problems in foreign lands. It has been decided, for the time being, to restrict the operation of Acland students to Europe.

THE HARDY COUNTRY.

LANDMARKS IN THE WESSEX FICTIONS.

The capital of the Hardy Country is Dorchester, where the author lived for a great part of his life. In the stories and poems Dorchester is Casterbridge, and the area covered in their pages is styled Wessex. Although arbitrarily delimited by the play of the writer's imagination, this Wessex of fiction synchronises more or less with the Wessex of history. Dorset is its core, and it embraces besides five (or parts of five) counties—Berks, Wilts, Somerset, Hants, and Devon. Bounded by the Channel on the south, its furthest outpost on the west is Exeter, on the north Oxford, and on the east Winchester, known to Hardy readers as respectively Exonbury, Christminster, and Wintonchester.

Mr. Hardy was born in Upper Bockhampton, a little way outside Dorchester. It is one of a group of hamlets, Stinsford the chief of them, which approximately compose the Mellstock of many of the novels. It is especially through "Under the Greenwood Tree," entitled also "The Mellstock Quire," Upper Mellstock, where Duck Dewy lived, has been surely identified with Upper Bockhampton; and Mellstock Church with Stinsford Church, on their way to which the girls were carried through the water by Clare in "Tess of the D'Urbervilles." Dorchester can be reached from Upper Bockhampton by the public pathways, trodden frequently in Mr. Hardy's pages, from which can be got a glimpse of Kingston Maurward House, the Knapwater House of "Desperate Remedies."

But before exploring the Dorchester or Casterbridge scene, one must note that Mr. Hardy's birthplace was on the fringe of Egdon Heath, that imposing landmark in the Hardy Country impressed marvellously on the mind and imagination in "The Return of the Native." It is associated, too, with another masterpiece, for somewhere on its southern border lay Talbothays dairy, in the From Valley, which Tess, born to the North, at Marnhill ("Marlott"), contrasted with her native Blackmoor Vale. She did so, it will be remembered, when she looked out on it from near Puddletown, which is the original of Weatherbury in "Far from the Madding Crowd," and even now is rich in memories of the novels.

Ghosts in Casterbridge.

The novelist's personal associations with the country of his fictions centre in Dorchester. He went to the Grammar School in South-street, like Francis Troy in "Far from the Madding Crowd." Among his early recollections was the hiring fair as it would be seen by Gabriel Oak in that novel. But it is, of course, in "The Mayor of Casterbridge" that we find recovered most completely the Dorchester which has been Mr. Hardy's home practically all his life. The arrival of Elizabeth Jane and her mother in the town, it may be noted, gave them their first view of it from Stinsford Hill, one familiar to every Bockhampton boy. Henchard's house has been identified with one in South-street, and Lucetta's with Colliton House, with its door the keystone of the arch of which was a mask. The great Roman amphitheatre, Maumbury Rings, just outside the South Western Railway station, is where the Mayor secretly met his wife. His merry-making was at Poundbury, or Pommery, the vast entertainment just outside the town on its west side. Farfare's rival entertainment, again, was on the West Walks, as the boulevard on the fragment of old Roman wall is now called.

Further Afield.

Look now further afield in the fictitious Wessex of which Casterbridge is the capital. In Dorset alone there are some seventy places that have been broadly identified under assumed names in the novels. On the sea, not far off, is Weymouth, the Budmouth of "The Trumpet Major," and, of course, one of the scenes in "The Dynasts." Further west on the coast Bridport, near which (as Port Bredy) Tess came in her wanderings, is the background of one of the "Wessex Tales"—"Fellow Townsmen." Eastwards again, Wareham is the Anglebury which occurs frequently in the fictions, notably "The Hand of Ethelberta," and the Sandbourne of that fiction, and, of course, of Tess's story is clearly Bourne-mouth, just outside the shire's borders. And inland, everywhere from Wimborne (Warborne) round to Bournemouth (Emminster) to Bore Regis (King's Bore, in the Vale of Blackmoor, with Marlott and Sherton Abbas (Sherborne) and the Hintoaks (the "Woodlanders" country), and a score or two towns and hamlets have been identified and their figures recalled. Mr. Hardy's works are compact of Dorset, and it is their leading presence and character.

The Very Idea!

Dauvit had been "unlucky" with his woman folk. These were his own words after he had buried his fifth wife.

Some short time after, a former minister of the parish came back to preach in his old church, and meeting Dauvit, began to ask him about his family affairs.

"And how is your wife keeping, David?" asked the minister. Dauvit was embarrassed a little before he made the reply:—"Well, she tell the truth, Mr. Simpson, I'm out of a wife the noo!"

Husein Ali Khan, the new Persian Minister in Paris, has a curious hobby. He always carries with him a case containing needles, scissors, and thread, and spends his spare time sewing. The Minister informed M. Doumergue, the French President, that he never allowed any one else to mend his wife's and daughter's stockings. This conversation took place says the London "Daily Express," quoting a Central News correspondent, after he had presented his credentials to the President on taking up his new office. M. Doumergue and the Minister later retired for a quiet talk. The Minister took a cigar, and the President was about to light it for him when his match fell, and in trying to catch it the Minister tore the silk threads of his head-dress. The President apologized, and said he would send for a servant to repair the damaged head-dress, but the Minister took out his case, and during the conversation repaired the rent.

Question at North London Court: Do you wish to give evidence on oath? Man accused of drunkenness: Oh, no, not particularly. I don't wish to waste the time of the court.

Man when asked to identify a prisoner at Highgate: It is difficult, for he has washed his face since I last saw him.

Nottinghamshire reveler: I am a teetotaler, because I am an ex-soldier.

Man in the Bow County Court: His name is F. Sharp, and he lives in a flat.

Plaintiff woman: Of course my husband swears, but, after all, language is just as you take it.

The latest "Spoonism" comes from an orator, who at a sports banquet described a football player as "flat of feet" instead of "flat of spot."

Schoolboy "howlers": Lord Macaulay was a great statesman who suffered very much from gout, and wrote all his poems in jumble feet.

The best way to light a room is to have gas with an indecent mantle of the perverted kind.

A pagoda is a chair on wheels used for carrying people about.

Ammonia is used as an epidemic.

In going up a mountain we should feel warmer because the hot air rises to the top and the cold air goes to the bottom.

Queen Elizabeth was tall and thin, but she was a stout Protestant.

A Conservative is a sort of green-house where you look at the moon.

The Seven Great Powers of Europe are gravity, electricity, steam, gas, fly wheel, motors and King George.

This Court at Leibnitz, Austria, was recently unable to use the telephone. The judge was unable to obtain the money from the proper Authorities to pay a bill of 24 and the telephone administration thereon, cut the connection.

"Half-fare for that boy?" shouted the conductor. "Why, how old is he?"

"He's five," answered the mother.

"Five?" said the conductor. "Why, he looks sixteen 'judgin' from the face."

"I can't help it if he worries," said the mother.

In a word, this very modern Dorset town, which in Mr. Hardy's phrase about Casterbridge, "announces old Rome in every street, alley, and nook," announces them also the personages of his tales. Do not use the Obscure work on the asharing of the County Museum, wherein one can inspect mantraps such as the novelist somewhere describes? Several of his characters have looked out from the same spacious bow-window of the King's Arms which gives the visitor still a prospect of many imaginary scenes in the fictions—Bathsheba's Corn Exchange, for example, and St. Peter's Church, and in the other direction, the street leading forth to the white Weatherbury scene, the "White Hart," the "Phoenix," and a modern substitute for the "Three Mariners" still recalling various Casterbridge groups. And further down it still are the two bridges so particularly pictured in the Major's story.

DEADLY CATTLE DISEASE.**SUSPICION ON SOUTH AMERICAN IMPORTATIONS.****DOMINIONS NOW FREE.**

London, Feb. 13. Mr. Walter Guinness, the Minister of Agriculture, was asked in the House of Commons to-day whether Canada, Australia and New Zealand were now free of foot-and-mouth disease, and whether in view of the outbreaks of that disease in this country, which had been traced to the importation of meat from South America, he would consider the desirability of limiting the importation of meat to supplies from countries which were free from the disease. The Minister replied that Canada, Australia and New Zealand were now free from the disease. In recent years no definite proof had been obtained that the outbreaks of the disease in England had been due to infection imported from South America.

Suspicion had, however, arisen that certain of the outbreaks had been due to the cloths in which the imported meat was wrapped, or to bone or other parts of the carcasses.

To guard against this danger, orders had been issued which required bones, or other parts of carcasses, or cloths in which they were wrapped, to be boiled or disinfected before being brought into contact with animals.

Negotiations had been in progress with the South American Governments concerned which should result in the adoption, in those countries, of measures preventing the introduction of infection into Great Britain.—*British Wireless.*

"GENTLEMEN, THE KING."**MR. TIM HEALY'S TRIBUTE.**

"The English, in my few years, have never interfered—I pledge my faith and honour to this—to the extent of a title or scintilla, in any Irish matter," said Mr. Tim Healy, K.C., Governor-General of the Irish Free State, at a banquet given in his honour by the Executive Council in Dublin on the eve of his retirement.

"The British Government left the Ministry absolutely free, left them, in fact, untouched, unadvised, and that tribute should not be left unpaid."

Commenting on the eulogistic references to himself, he asked, after a cascade of compliments had been showered upon him, if he might now be canonised.

"I have enjoyed all this flattery, but I am not such a fool as to believe it all. Old men are useful as undertakers, but the country needs young men."

"At my age I would not have the courage to enter upon the Shannon scheme, and certainly would not have the courage to abolish scrub bulls or prosecute people for soiled eggs."

The King.

Paying a tribute to his staff, he said that he had two little Protestant secretaries endowed to him by Lord FitzAlan, and one might as well expect indiscretion from them as to hear an oyster broadcast.

"You have," he concluded, "heard talk about our foreign King, but there is one thing about this 'foreign King,' he is a gentleman, and we know his pedigree. I wish we knew as much about those who talk about his 'interference in Irish affairs.'"

Mr. Cosgrave, who presided, said that those who were too young to remember the days when Mr. Healy's keen-edged sarcasm made him the terror of his adversaries, found it difficult to associate the gentle, paternal—he might almost say the patriarchal—counselor of to-day with the sturdy biter, the leonine figure, the uncompromising soldier of bygone years. He left the Viceroyal Lodge for a well-earned rest with the affection and admiration of everyone in Ireland and elsewhere who had the pleasure and honour of knowing him.

The distinguished gathering included the Roman Catholic and Protestant Archbishops of Dublin.

An interesting experiment, having for its object the establishment of a theatre for children only, is to be tried in Liverpool. Mr. Edward P. Genn, the Lancashire playwright and author of several children's plays, states that he is inaugurating the venture in the belief that such a theatre will be widely appreciated not only by children but also by harassed parents, who do not know sometimes how to amuse the youngsters. "My aim," he added, "is to provide a centre where clear and wholesome entertainment can always be had for children. The majority of plays and films to-day have a demoralising effect on the minds of the young."

INTERESTING MACAO ITEMS.**HONGKONG CONSULS PAY VISITS.**

Macao, Feb. 9. An official visit to Macao was made by the Italian Consul General at Hongkong, Senior Carrara, and thirty, aboard the Italian gunboat "Sebastiano Caboto."

The visitors arrived on Sunday, 5th February, and left on Thursday, 9th instant. The gunboat made Macao port shortly after two o'clock, and shortly after anchoring the Consul and his party landed and proceeded to pay an official call on His Excellency the Governor of Macao, calling later on His Lordship the Bishop of Macao, and thence a tour of the principal places of interest.

An official dinner in honour of the visitors was given by His Excellency the Governor on Sunday night.

On the following day, in the afternoon, the Consul General for Italy, accompanied by the officers of the gunboat "Sebastiano Caboto," and a contingent of sailors paid a visit to the Grotto of Camoes where he laid a wreath at the foot of the pedestal of the bust of the poet enshrined there. He accompanied this act with a highly eulogistic speech in praise of the Portuguese poet and the Portuguese heroes of old. He referred to the friendly relations that have ever existed between Portugal and Italy. His Excellency the Governor of Macao thanked the visitor for his graceful act of courtesy which was greatly appreciated by all the Portuguese.

The distinguished visitor was given a warm welcome during the whole of his sojourn and left declaring himself charmed with Macao and its people. Several football matches took place between the team of the Italian gunboat and local teams, the visitors proving themselves good exponents of the game.

An Unofficial Visit.

Mr. R. C. Tredwell, Consul General for the U.S.A., in Hongkong, and a small party of friends, Capt. A. J. L. Whyte, A.D.C. to H.E. the Governor of Hongkong, Major and Mrs. G. F. Charles, and Mr. L. Childe called on H.E. the Governor on Sunday last and luncheoned with H.E. Senhor Tamagnini de Sousa Barbosa and Madame Barbosa, after which a short visit was paid to the Macao Photographic Exhibition before returning to Hongkong the same day.

Recent Publications.

Recent Macao publications include "A Visitor's Handbook to Macao" and "A Business Man's Macao," both issued by the Publicity Office of the Macao Port Works Department. The demand for the first-named has been so great that the publication of a second edition has become necessary and it will shortly be issued from the press with much additional matter not contained in the first edition.

The Race Club.

After a long rest, the Macao Race Club announces the first meeting of the year to take place on Sunday, 4th March. The programme has been issued and it is a noteworthy feature that the prizes offered are, on the whole, higher than the average last year and it is hoped that a large entry will come from Hongkong after the Race Meeting there.

"THE BLACK BOTTOM REVUE."**BRIGHT SHOW AT THEATRE ROYAL.**

A number of outstanding items were included in "The Black Bottom Revue" which was presented by the Banvard Musical Comedy Company at the Theatre Royal last evening, chief among which were selections from "Rose Marie." These included, "The Love Call" which was splendidly sung by Miss Kathleen D'Arcy, and "The Totem Dance" by Miss Winnifred Dalle supported by the chorus. This latter created an excellent impression and was loudly applauded. The dress effects were particularly striking, while the dance itself struck an unusual note and was highly pleasing.

Miss Edna Ray, who has shown considerable grace and skill in the numbers she has sustained, was warmly applauded for her Vanity Dance, and Elsie Lancaster, together with members of the chorus, scored a success with the song "Roses of To-day."

"The Black Bottom" was presented by Clarks Leslie and the chorus in effective fashion. Plenty of humour and dash were supplied by John and Victor Hagan, together with Frank Atkinson, and they invariably raised a good laugh when they appeared.

"The Black Bottom Revue" is being repeated to-night.

MANILA SEAPLANE CRASH.**AVIATORS' ESCAPE FROM DEATH.****TOTALLY WRECKED.**

Manila, Feb. 10. The 5-C, believed to be the last of the Douglas Torpedo type seaplanes in use in the United States Navy, is a heap of wreckage as a result of a crash which occurred at about 10 a.m. yesterday near San Nicolas Light, off the shore of Cavite.

The aviators manning the plane, Lieutenant Commander George Price, pilot, and Machinist's Mate Pagabayan, miraculously escaped death and emerged from the wreck with only a few minor injuries as the result of their experience. They were rescued a few moments after the crash by the crew of the S. S. Leyte, inter island steamer owned by Fernandez Hermanos, and taken to the U. S. S. Jason, airplane tender. The Leyte was on its way from Tacloban to Manila and was the first vessel to reach the scene, although others were near.

Shortly after the Leyte had left the wreck, the Florence D., Cadwallader and Gibson Lumber Company boat, passed by and members of its crew were lowered in rowboats to investigate. Not finding the pilot or his helper aboard, the crew conducted a 10-minute search and then hoisted the plane on deck after notifying Commander Turner commanding officer of the Navy flying forces in the Philippines.

A destroyer and several scouting planes were sent out to look for the pilot and machinist. The Leyte arrived in the meantime and the searching parties were called back.

The plane left the Jason about 9:45 a.m. for Corregidor for duty during the anti-aircraft target practice being conducted by the U.S.S. Pittsburgh, flagship of the Asiatic Fleet. The Pittsburgh was using a sleeve target towed by a seaplane and the 5-C had been sent out to stand by in case anything happened to the plane doing the towing.

The 5-C was flying low, about 500 feet, and developed engine trouble while over San Nicolas Light. The plane was down wind and Price's altitude was not sufficient to bring it around to glide down against the stiff breeze. He was travelling downward at a high rate of speed, his own plus that of the wind. The water was rough and the crash wrecked both of the plane's pontoons, tearing them completely loose. The two under-wings were smashed. Although torn loose, one of the pontoons caught under the plane and kept it from sinking.

H. M. S. Hawkins, British cruiser, which started out of Manila Bay about 9 a.m. was passing by when the plane crashed and also notified the Jason of the accident. After learning of the rescue the Hawkins steamed on past Corregidor.

LABOURERS FOR HAWAII.**"SANDVIKEN" DELAYED IN MANILA.**

The steamer Sandviken which was scheduled to sail for Honolulu with more than 400 labourers yesterday afternoon is still in port awaiting orders to sail, says the Manila Bulletin of Saturday last. Yesterday, Captain Manuel del Villar, surveyor of the port, informed the Director of Labour that the boat had not yet been granted clearance because it has not asked for any so far.

The Sandviken was engaged from Hongkong by one D'Almeida, to take to Hawaii labourers who have been rounded up by independent ship brokers. These labourers have been waiting for their transportation to Honolulu many days since, thus causing them much expense for their stay in the city.

It is understood from reliable sources that more than one-half of the money collected by the ship brokers from the labourers as their transportation expenses to Hawaii has not yet been turned in to D'Almeida and this is said to be delaying the departure.

Reports to the Bureau of Labour late, informed, the labour director that the transportation expenses collected from 30 of the labourers who are to sail cannot be produced. It is feared by Director Cruz that these labourers are victims of some of the brokers. Bureau officials are investigating.

"If you say to a woman 'You shall not,' she says 'I will,' and if you say to her 'You may,' she says 'I won't.'" This statement by Mr. J. W. Jarvis, of London, caused much laughter at the annual conference at Bradford. "Since the last conference passed a resolution permitting women to smoke at the association's holiday centres," he added, "there has been less smoking at the Eastbourne centre, where formerly they were thought 'rather fast.'"

THE MACAO ART EXHIBITION.**FURTHER LIST OF AWARDS.**

Macao, Feb. 9. The Macao Photographic Exhibition continues as popular as ever and school children to the number of over two thousand have already visited the show, displaying a lively interest in the pictures with the guidance of their respective teachers.

A lecture was given on "Art" in connexion with the Exhibition at the Macao Club by Mateus das Neves, a student of St. Joseph's College, Macao, before a good audience. A demonstration by a representative of Messrs. Kodak, Ltd., in the Exhibition Building last Saturday was poorly attended owing to bad weather, but the audience was an appreciative one.

In the awards made in the Art Section of Exhibition, special mention is made of any Awards of Honour granted in respect of the paintings by Baron do Cereál exhibited by his son Mr. A. A. de Mello, "Mater Dolorosa" and "Vesuvio em Erupção" in particular, and of those by Marciano A.

GRAVELLY ILL.

The Earl of Oxford and Asquith, who is lying gravely ill.

Baptista exhibited by his grandson, Mr. M. F. Baptista, "Um junco chinês," and "Macao antigo," all the pictures being exhibited for the first time.

The other awards are as follows:

Gold Medals.

Marechal Gomes da Costa.—Water Colour Drawing—"Junco."

Silver Medals.

Mr. M. F. Baptista.—"Basto de Camoes" (Sketch-Original).

Mr. K. H. Tang.—"Children at Meat" (Oil Painting).

Miss Milly A. da Silva.—"O Lago da Feira" (Pastel).

Mr. Yee Cheong.—"Junks" (Oil Painting).

Mr. Batmalan Carlos Lopes.—"Portugal e Colonias" (Water-colour).

Certificates of Merit.

Rev. J. Climaco do Rosario.—"S. Paulo" (Chalk drawing over photograph).

Mr. J. G. de Aquino.—"Restaurante chinês" (Water colours).

Mr. Denton.—"Junk" (Oil Painting).

Mr. Harry Kow.—Original Sketch (Pen and Ink drawing).

Major Victor Lacerda.—"Por Mares Nuncas Dantes Navegadores" (Water colours).

Mr. Remigio Banares.—"Mapa Mundi" (Water colours).

The special prize presented by Madame Tamagnini Barbosa was won by Miss Helena Ribeiro for "Lorchas recolhendo" (Chalk drawing).

POLICE RESERVE.**ORDERS FOR THE WEEK.**

Hongkong Police Reserve Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolf, C.M.G., Captain Superintendent of Police, state:

Flying Squad.

Training Part 1.—Men detailed by O.C. are to attend the Central Police Station on Thursday Feb. 16th, at 5.15 p.m. sharp for Squad Drill under Sergeant R. J. Hunt.

Sharpshooters Co. Rifle Practice.—Rifle practice will take place on the Peak Range on Sunday, the 19th inst. at 10.00 a.m. Members will assemble at the Upper Tram Station at 9.45 a.m. Uniform optional.

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U.S. PLAYWRIGHT "WANTED."**ALLEGATION OF FORGERY IN SHANGHAI.****ALSO HOTEL FRAUDS.**

Shanghai, Feb. 10. It was learned from official sources to-day that the State Department at Washington was requested to apprehend William Preston Gibson, of Washington, D.C., well-known playwright, against whom charges were filed with the United States Court here alleging that Gibson altered the gold draft endorsed by Colonel Henry C. Davis, Commander of the United States marines here.

According to information from official sources, Colonel Davis endorsed the draft for Mr. Gibson thinking that the amount was \$200 gold, but the draft was cashed at the American Oriental Bank here for \$3,200 gold. The draft was drawn on Mrs. L. M. White, care of Riggs National Bank at Washington, D.C. Mrs. White is supposedly the widow of the late Chief Justice Edward D. White who was an uncle of Mr. Gibson.

Colonel Davis is now in Manila for medical treatment. Mr. Gibson, who has been in Shanghai for about six months, departed for Japan on January 25 aboard the Japanese ship, Africa Maru, but it was learned that he left Japan for Vancouver on February 3 aboard the Canadian Pacific steamer, Empress of Asia.

In addition to the forgery charge, Gibson is also alleged to have defrauded local hotels through the issuance of bad cheques. Gibson is accompanied by his wife, who is his fourth. His first wife was Minna Field from Chicago, his second a daughter of the late Senator James McMillan of Michigan, and his third Mrs. Bontrick Rogers, daughter of Benjamin Pratt, and granddaughter of the late H. H. Rogers. Mr. Gibson, the son of the late Senator Randall Lee Gibson, of Louisiana, a Yale graduate and author of many plays, holds the Croix de Guerre and served as lieutenant in the U.S. marine corps. Gibson moved in the best social circles in Shanghai and was supposedly trying to establish a political magazine.

HICKMAN MURDER ENQUIRY.**ACCUSED LAD ADJUDGED SANE.**

Los Angeles, Feb. 9. William Edward Hickman, confessed kidnapper, slayer and mutilator of Marian Parker, 12-year-old Los Angeles girl, was found to be sane by a Superior Court jury here to-day, after 45 minutes of deliberation. The verdict means that Hickman must pay the death penalty for his crimes.

Hickman sat upright and stared stolidly as the verdict was read. Sentence will be passed Saturday. The defence entered a notice that it would appeal.

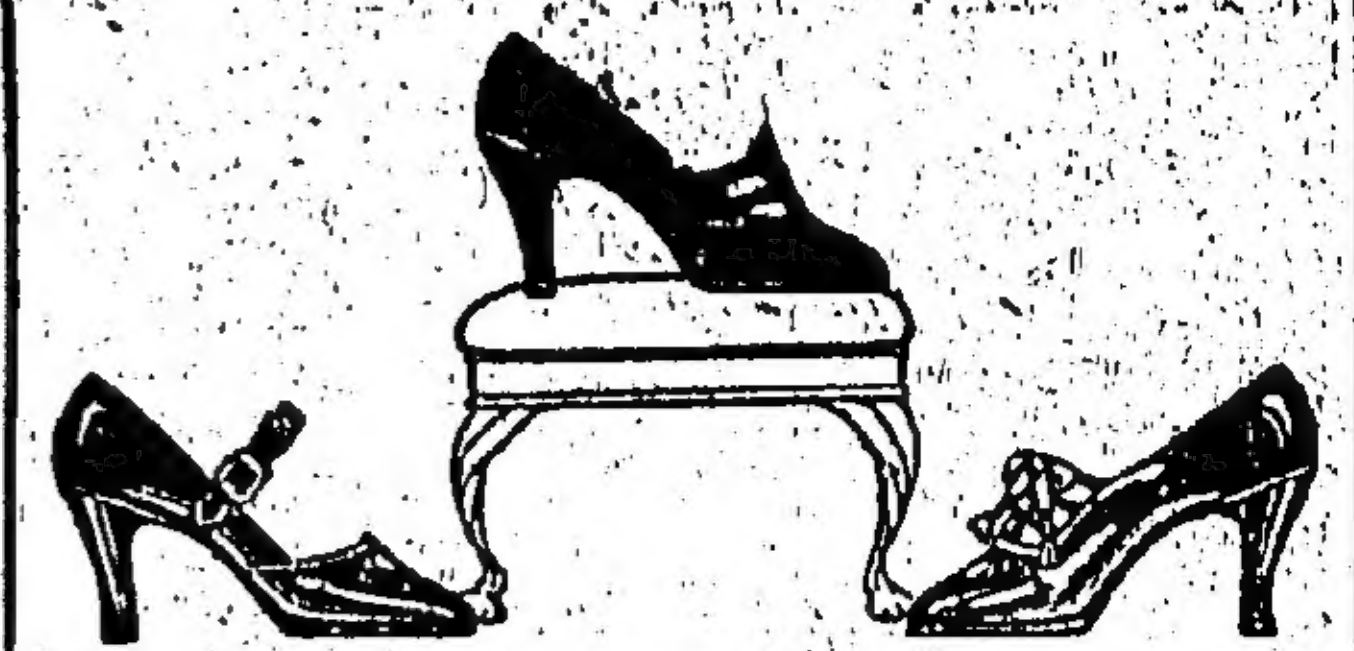
Hickman kidnapped the Parker girl, and later killed her and dismembered her body, last December. A nationwide search was instituted for him and he was arrested a short time later at Echo, Ore. While admitting the crimes, he pleaded not guilty by virtue of insanity.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?**TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.**

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the Daily Express.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

1. What familiar legend in connexion with the steam engine has just been approved at the Royal Institution?
2. What is a zoid?
3. What famous man's home has just become a national memorial?
4. Where has a road been almost literally paved with gold?
5. How many "dollar millionaires" were there in America last year and in the previous year?
6. What river is navigable for steamers for 2,200 miles?
7. What is the first instance of the use of an airplane as an adjunct to the Church of England?
8. What valuable dye is produced from sea-snails?
9. Why is cast-iron brittle and wrought-iron capable of standing three times the strain?
10. What special features characterize the great British airship now under construction?
11. What famous relic of Imperial Rome will shortly be brought to light?
12. What is the latest officially confirmed airplane speed record?



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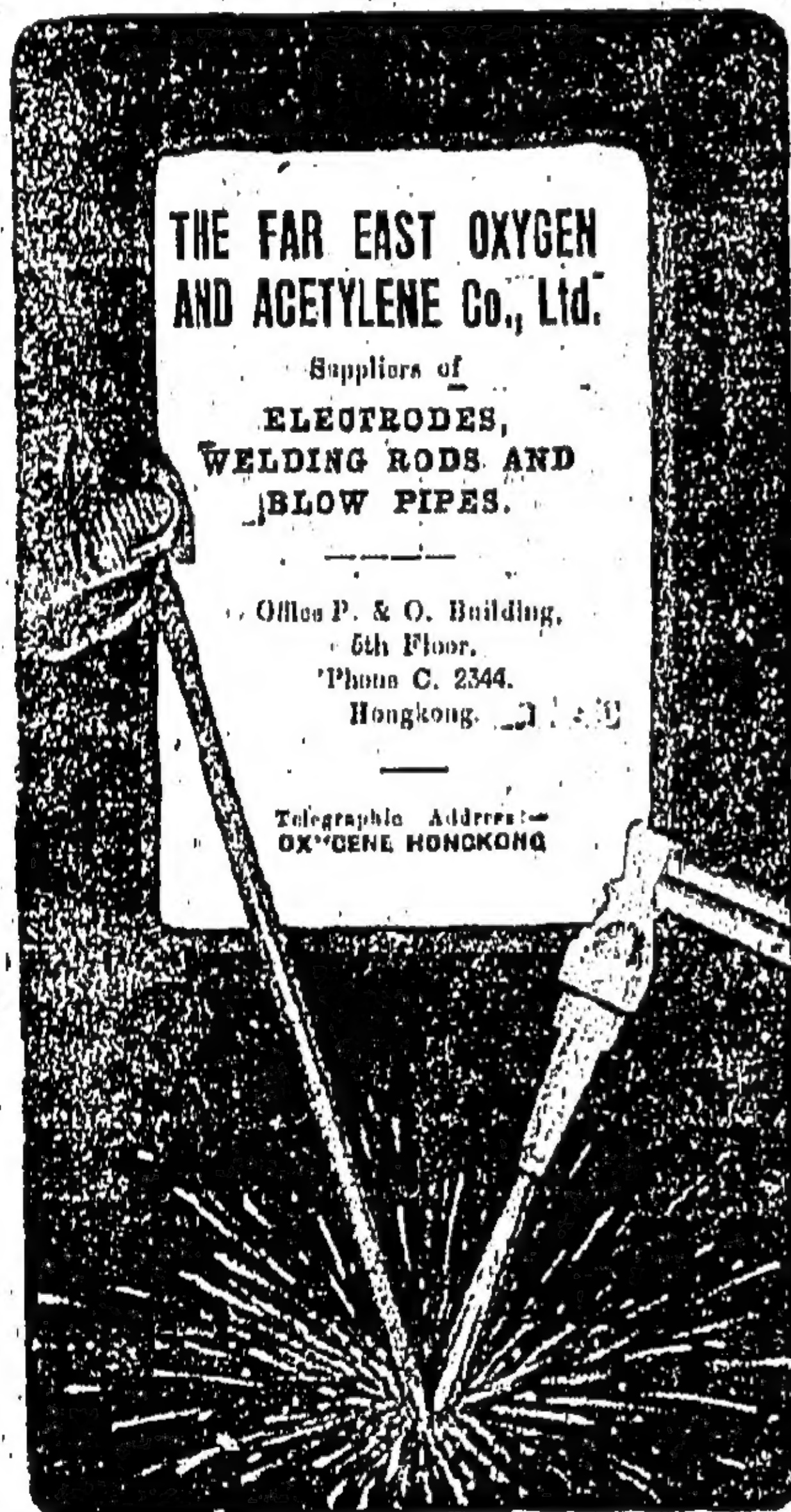
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"If the gentleman who put his eye-glass into the alms bag on Sunday, December 18, instead of a coin, will call at the vestry it will be returned to him." Note in St. Mary's, Twickenham, parish magazine.

William Walker, of Nottingham, celebrated his 106th birthday on Jan. 9. He enjoys a liberal diet, including beer, and spends 3/6 weekly on tobacco. "I hope all Australians are Lords before I am finished," he said.

A FRANK COMMENT.

STANDARD OF LIVING IN GERMANY.

If in Berlin and Hamburg, there are no such slums as characterize other big cities, that does not mean that there is not real biting poverty; it means simply that, even in extreme distress, the German seeks to preserve at any rate some life.

In point of fact, the great masses of the German population are living in very hard conditions; they live, indeed, from hand to mouth, on the very verge of what is just necessary to existence and in daily apprehension as their daily bread. For upwards of 18 months, from 2 to 5 millions of the inhabitants had to subsist on unemployment doles which provided them with the bare necessities of life.

Whoever reads attentively his daily newspaper, must be struck by the constant reports of suicide due to poverty. Only the initiated know what bitter struggles are going on for mere existence, what mental wrestling in secret on the part of hundreds of thousands who saw their hard-earned savings swallowed up by the inflation and now often find themselves face to face with the spectre of old age and possible starvation. It is but seldom that the cries of these people reach the ear of the public.

The individual shuns publicity; but, owing to unusual circumstances, an outcry of the judges and magistrates of Thuringia recently made itself audible through the medium of their official union. How severe their needs must be is made terribly evident by the fact that these men of such high standing were forced to declare in their manifesto that the smallness of their incomes necessitated their limiting the number of their children.

Eloquent Figures.

Further, there exist eloquent figures to show that Germany is anything but a land of riches and luxury. In Prussia, the largest and most industrialized state of Germany, the consumption of meat in 1926 was only 45.3 kg. per head as compared with 54.2 kg. in 1913; in other words, the consumption of one of the most important foods, especially for a manufacturing population, is now only 83.4 per cent. of the pre-war figure. Moreover, the consumption of rye receded from 153 kg. per head in 1913/14 to 114.5 kg. in 1925/26 and the consumption of wheat from 96 kg. to 74 kg. Beer, the national beverage of the German, is drunk in considerably smaller quantities than before the war; whereas, in the Germany of 1913, the average per capita was 102 litres, for 1925, while the consumption of wine has dropped by 50 per cent.

The former consumption of textile goods was much greater than the present. Per head of the population, in 1913, 7 kg. was bought; but in 1926 hardly 4.5 kg. Since it is well known that the demands of the masses for a higher standard of living have risen considerably in post-war years, it may easily be imagined what an increased consumption of mass articles—especially foreign products—would be possible if the purchasing capacity of the German people could be augmented.

The Dawes Plan.

If, under the Dawes Plan, the reparations are to be paid, they must be paid at the expense of the workmen's standard of living. This means an enormously reduced purchasing power on the part of Germany with corresponding detriment to the foreign producer, particularly to the foreign farmer. The German workman is no exception to the rule that people like to be well fed and well clothed; but, as things stand, his wishes must remain unfulfilled. The deposits in the German savings banks totalled in August, 1927, 4.2 milliard marks; in 1913, they aggregated 17 milliards. If it be remembered that, in consequence of the general rise in the price of commodities, the mark has now only about half the purchasing power it possessed before the war, it will be seen that the real value of the present savings bank deposits is only 2 milliards as compared with the former 17.

These facts will suffice to demonstrate the superficiality of the assumption that there exists a high standard of living in Germany; such a view can only be formed by those who judge merely from the sights presented in the streets of Berlin, Cologne or Munich, sights which are just as characteristic of Paris and London, of Buenos Ayres and New York.—Dr. Oscar Wingen.

The British steamer Silverash (5,299 tons, of London), bound from Batavia to New York, has been placed in quarantine at Colombo. The vessel was brought in by the Chief Officer, as Captain Frank Cleary, aged 37, died on January 7, and was buried at sea. The Chief Officer reported that he suspected Captain Cleary died of typhus.

LONDON ELECTIONS.

MRS. BALDWIN LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN.

During this year the whole of London's local Government will be in the electoral melting pot. In March a New County Council will be chosen, in April new Poor Law Guardians (perhaps the last London will ever have), and in November new Borough Councils. The first is the most important of the three, and the London Municipal Society has begun preparations for the fight, in which the women's action will take an active part.

Mrs. Stanley Baldwin (the President) and Lady Brittain (the Chairman) of the action have issued an appeal to women electors to help the Municipal Reform Party, which has held the reins of power at the County Hall for something like fifteen years. They write:

"London, it is acknowledged, is the best-run city in the world, and it is a question for Londoners to decide whether they still wish to retain the city to progress on these lines, or whether they are content, through indifference, to hand it over to the extravagant policy of the Labour-Socialist Party. These elections come but once in three years, and our appeal for your assistance for a period of a few weeks (or perhaps longer) for London's sake, is surely worth a little self-denial."

A Great Fight.

Great political importance attaches to this election, in view of the certain dissolution of Parliament in 1929. This is why the Liberals—who have only two seats on the present Council—are putting up candidates. In nearly all the divisions, it will be a test of the party's strength in London.

The Socialists, of course, will fight practically every seat; so will Conservatives; and Liberals, who always declare themselves Anti-Socialists, seem determined both at local and Parliamentary elections to make things easy for the Socialists. Thus, they imagine, they will have the balance of power in their hands at the County Hall and at Westminster. The first of a series of mass meetings organised by the women's section of the London Municipal Society will be held at Caxton Hall on the 27th of this month.

In noting the change in the Royal Style and Title, necessitated by the establishment of the Irish Free State, Debre's "Baronetage, Knightage, and Companionage" for 1928 points out that since the Union with Ireland there have been only two alterations in the Sovereign's Title—when Queen Victoria was proclaimed "Empress of India," and again when King Edward VII. took the further style of "and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas." The volume contains biographical details of baronets, knights, and other prominent people; together with particulars of the Royal households, information on the correct use of titles, &c. The publishers are Messrs. Dean and Son, Ltd., 20, King-street, Covent Garden, W.C. 2.



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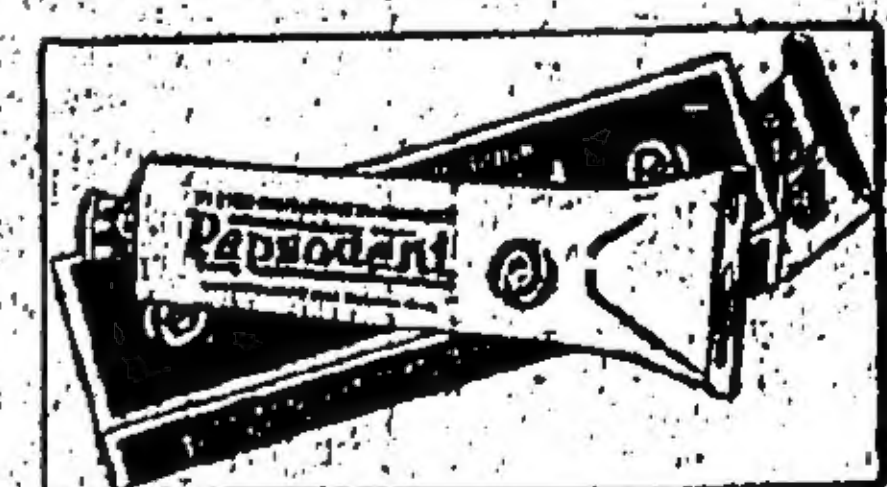
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CHAPTER XII.

Otto and Stroach moved away. Joyce waited for a moment, deciding what she should do. It was curious, she was thinking coolly and without terror. The sense of horror that had attacked her had passed utterly, leaving her calm and resolute.

The only thing she thought about was how to warn Martin Stannard of his danger. She did not ask herself whether Stannard was a villain or a saint, all she knew was that she must warn him. She went back to her office thinking what she had best do to get warning to Martin Stannard.

Her calm air was a good friend to her. Otto Rigg, looking in on her a few minutes later, noted nothing unusual about her. She ought to have shrunk from him in horror and fear, but that side of her nature wasn't acting. She heard him say that he was going over to Henry Maker's place, and would be away some time. She nodded acknowledgment and turned back to her work as though nothing disturbed her, and he went away unsuspecting.

But his going had given her an idea. She saw that he had taken Stroach in his car, and that meant that for an hour or two she could go about Greenhayle without fear of being spied on.

She would go to the Dark House. It was really the only thing she could do. Like Otto Rigg, she felt that the answer to the riddle lay there, in that lonely neglected house, on the Common.

Anyhow, it was her only hope, and getting her bicycle, she set out to interview the strange, quiet woman who lived in that house, Mrs. Sondes.

It was some time before the door was answered at the Dark House, and when it was Joyce found herself facing a servant old and gaunt, and very decidedly formidable and unfriendly. When Joyce asked for Mrs. Sondes she snapped, "You can't see her."

"I must see her," said Joyce, firmly.

"She seen no one."

"She must see me. It is imperative."

"Ho!" said the woman, staring hard. "What's your message?"

"I will tell it to Mrs. Sondes."

"Well, then, you'd better go about your business," snapped the woman, and prepared to shut the door.

Joyce put her foot between the door and the jamb.

"Go and tell your mistress," she said, sternly, "that I am running a certain amount of risk in coming here at all, and that it is only because I felt the risk had to be run that I came. I think she will understand."

Again the woman stared hard.

"Ho!" she said again; then, reflectively, "You're the wench up at Otto Rigg's?"

"Yes, and that makes it all the more necessary for Mrs. Sondes to see me."

"An' you won't give me an idea what you want to see her about?"

"I won't," said Joyce.

The woman suddenly smiled: "Well, you know how to keep a tight tongue in your head, anyhow," she said. "A good habit—wait here."

She shut the door and went away for a full two minutes. Returning she ushered Joyce into a little sitting-room, plainly but beautifully furnished.

Standing by the table in that room was the strange woman, Mrs. Sondes.

Joyce was even more impressed by her dignity now that she was close to her. She was slim and erect, still had a graceful and gracious figure, as she still carried much of the beauty that must have been hers in her youth.

She was very calm and reserved, but her eyes looked at Joyce clearly, gravely, and steadily.

"I am Mrs. Sondes," said the woman, in a soft, cultured voice. "You wished to see me?"

"Yes," said Joyce. "I feel it is you I must see about Martin Stannard."

The woman gave no sign that the name meant anything to her, but there was a short pause, and then she said: "Martin Stannard? What should I have to do with somebody called Martin Stannard?"

Joyce looked at her quickly.

"That was a bad beginning on my part," she said. "You couldn't possibly acknowledge you knew of him—if you knew. But I have a message for a Martin Stannard, and I do not know where to find him."

"No, don't say anything now. Let me tell you my message, whether it helps or not. If it means nothing to you—well, it cannot be helped; and I have done my best. If you understand it,

then no more need be said between us, for I, too, will understand."

She paused; the woman stood, not speaking, not showing a sign.

Joyce then told rapidly of the fears she had for Martin Stannard, how she had overheard Otto Rigg forcing Stroach to agree to kill Stannard, and how that killing was to be accomplished, and how covered up in law. "Stroach will undoubtedly wait on the Common near this house, and will shoot on sight, and then give it out that he shot in self defence. Martin Stannard's reputation as a criminal will save Stroach."

That is how they have planned to do it."

When she completed her message she turned towards the door.

"That is all I have to say," she ended. "And no more need be said between us. If the facts get to Martin Stannard, then he will know what to expect. If they don't—I have done the only thing I can think of to help."

The woman crossed to her swiftly, caught and pressed her hand.

Her blue eyes, suddenly bright, looked closely into the girl's.

"You've run a great risk, Miss Alley, to go counter to such men as you speak of," she said softly. "I had to do it."

"I see that, my dear," she said. "I was showing you how I appreciated your act—without mentioning names."

Joyce smiled at her: "Ah, I am glad," she said. "No, there is no need to mention names."

"Be careful, my dear," said Mrs. Sondes. "From what you say they are terrible and unscrupulous men you are dealing with."

"I shall be as careful as I can."

"And, my dear," smiled the woman, her eyes suddenly losing their reserve, suddenly twinkling, "if you are ever in any trouble or danger you must come to me. The Dark House apparently has a reputation for being a safe harbourage."

"Stroach, anyhow, is baffled by it," smiled Joyce, and she left the house without a word about Stannard or his hiding-place being mentioned, but with the certainty in her heart that her message would not go astray.

Cycling in a circuitous route, so as not to betray where she had been, she passed through Greenhayle village. Between the police station and the post-office she passed the weary and uninterested Mr. Dudley. He was leaning on a bike he had managed to secure, and was in tired conversation with the local taxi-driver, who lounged off duty.

Joyce had a momentary thought of stopping and calling him aside and taking him into her confidence. She hesitated just a moment too long, and was past him before she could make up her mind. As she swung into the leafy lanes she felt, after all, that it was best not to tell him anything. And as she thought that she heard a bike bell ring behind her.

She turned and saw the weary gentleman of her thoughts cycling after her. His bike-riding was an index to his nature. He looked as uncomfortable and as unhandy on a bicycle as any man could; all the same, he was moving with such power that she knew that she could not hope to escape him if she tried to get away.

He waved his hand to her in an obvious signal, and she dismounted and waited for him. He came up shakily and wearily. He fell rather than alighted from his bicycle, and threw one tired glance at the scenery about him.

Joyce almost laughed at that glance. Mr. Dudley, for all his lassitude, had very cleverly got her into a place where there was no possible chance of any one seeing them or overhearing their conversation.

Satisfied in this respect, he leant across his saddle and gazed at her with tired intensity. Then he said, dully:

"Are you in this lying game, too?"

Joyce laughed outright at the difference between Mr. Dudley's manner and his words. She opened her mouth to retort.

"Don't perjure yourself," he said, languidly. "Don't say anything until you've heard me out. I don't think you tell lies, though that fat, cold trickster may have jockeyed you into a position which makes you helpless." Joyce gasped a little at this tired but acute summing-up of Otto Rigg. The indifferent man went on:

"Now listen. I know that Otto Rigg is lying. I know he was only telling me what he wants me to know—for his own ends. I'll tell you that I have been watching him fooling me, and that I've only put enough of my own cards on the table to draw him out as far as he intends to go. It's the only way to deal with his sort. But I know

BETTER PAKHOI OUTLOOK.

BIG ROBBER BAND DEFEATED BY TROOPS.

NO MONEY TROUBLES.

Pakhoi, Feb. 5.

It has been unusually quiet in these districts for the last two months. Immediately after the "Red" uprising in Canton, the Government troops were hastily withdrawn to Kowchow, with the consequence that there has been a great deal of looting and robbing by bandits in both the Hopo and Yanchow districts.

"General" Lau's band, which attacked Pakhoi and Liemchow's last November, has been active again and recently looted Tsung Wong village, in the Hopo district. A big band of village troops, usually called robbers, tried to take charge of Linghan recently and were driven back by the Linghan volunteers, assisted by General Hoh commanding in Pakhoi. They fell back on the big market town of Lukok and for six days held out stubbornly against the Government troops, but finally were subjected. Their leader, a man by the name of Lee, has fled.

The leader of the Government troops, Hoh Chan-fan, has been on an expedition against bandits near Kowchow and reports complete success. After his Kowchow campaign, he came back into the Hopo district and attacked the robber chief, Lau Chan-wa, in his stronghold and claims to have completely defeated him, scattering his gang of bandits.

There has been but little reaction in Pakhoi over the late Canton "Red" terror, and business is going on about as usual. The merchants are glad to have a period of rest after so much to cause them anxiety.

However, there has been some nervousness over the Chung Yung Chi, for with the looting of the Central Bank of China in Canton, local paper money was naturally affected. However, the Merchants were clever enough to get together and arrange that Pakhoi bills stamped with the Pakhoi chop should remain at par. This has saved a lot of trouble in the local money market.

With the return of the American missionaries (P.H. Mission) all the missions in Southern Kwangtung have been reoccupied and are carrying on their work as usual.—Our Own Correspondent.

KOWLOON TRAGEDY.

FUNERAL OF EUROPEAN GIRL.

The funeral of little Miss Gabrielle Larier, the 8-year-old and only daughter of Bandmaster and Mrs. E. L. Larier, 5/2 Punjabis, who was killed as the result of a distressing accident on Sunday evening, took place this morning.

Followed by the bereaved parents and a number of friends, the coffin was taken to the Chapel at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, where a service was conducted by the Rev. G. F. Stophord. Later the remains were taken to the Japanese Crematorium at Soekapoo Valley for cremation. The ashes will be conveyed to India when Bandmaster and Mrs. Larier leave with the Punjabis about the end of this month.

Wreaths were sent by Lt. Col. Coates, Officers and their wives, of the 5/2 Punjab Regiment, Major Frank Hogg and Mrs. Hogg, Mr. and Mrs. Browning, Mr. and Mrs. D. Toilan, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Rowe, Mr. and Mrs. Guest and Ruby, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Cotton, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. da Costa, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Silva, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. E. Ablong, "Patricia, Constance and Reginald," Nora Kelly, and others.

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OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

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Notts For.	v	Cardiff.

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FALSE PRETENCE CHARGE.

SEAMAN DISCHARGED THIS MORNING.

Ho Tin, a seaman who was charged with endeavouring to obtain \$4,000 from two Chinese women by falsely pretending that the money was required to pay for the release of four of their relatives from the custody of the Chinese authorities in Shanghai, was discharged by Major C. Willson at the Central Police Court this morning.

Mr. O. A. S. Russ appeared for the defence.

Mr. James Van Shyke, accredited N. E. A. correspondent and contributor to American newspapers, arrived here aboard the s.s. President Jackson. He is doing a tour in the capacity of a mercantile marine cadet.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Commr. G. F. Hole, a junk mistress was charged with securing her craft outside five others alongside s.s. Takada and pleading guilty, was fined \$5 with the usual alternative.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 15 arrivals and the same number of departures. Tonnage was high, but freights were generally poor, with British taking two of the best places. There were 77 vessels in harbour at 9 a.m. of which 29 were British.

"If I were dictator of this country every girl should be married at 18 and every man at 21—if necessary, by compulsion," said Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M.P., at Bradford recently. "The woman of 21," he added, "has twice the sense of the man of the same age."

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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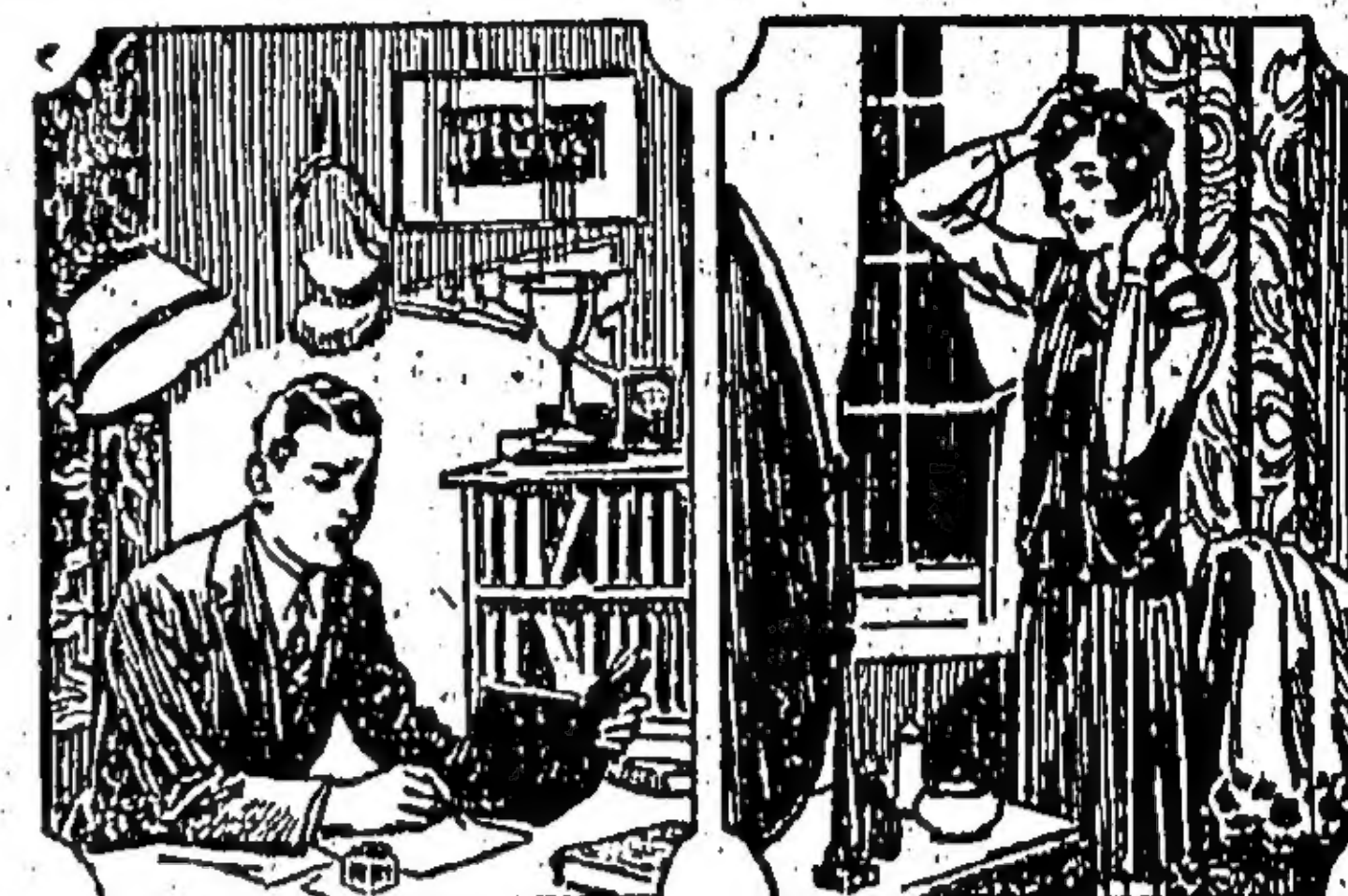
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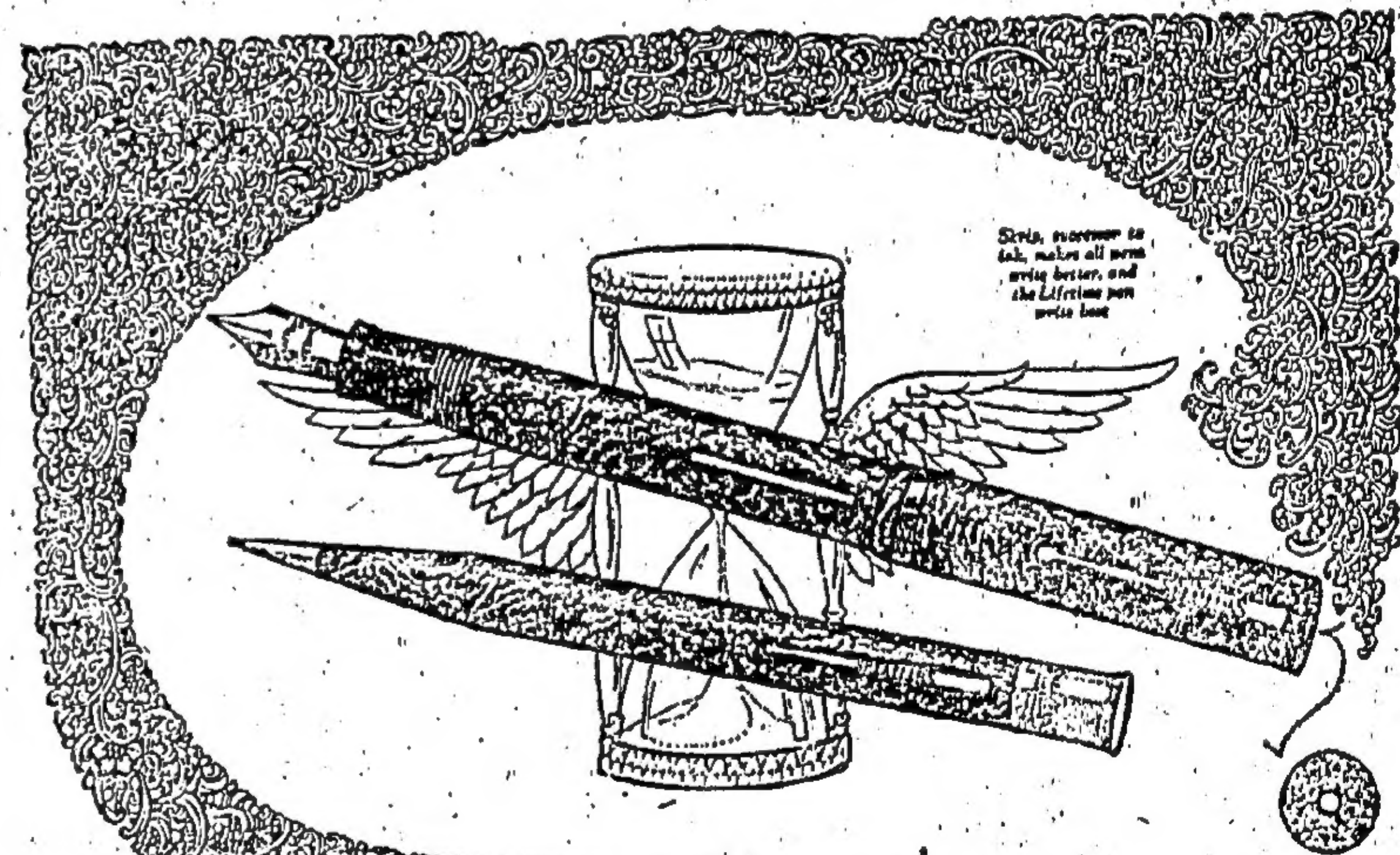
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BIG SHIP THEFT.

ROBBERY ON PHILIPPINE STEAMER.

Manila, Feb. 8. A P.34,000 robbery is the latest crime to be presented to the local authorities. Captain Jose Bahia, commander of the S.S. Borongan, an inter-island boat which arrived here last night, reported to the police that 34,000 pesos had been taken from an unlocked safe aboard his ship. The Borongan arrived in port last night from Calbayog, Catebogan, Carigara, Tacloban and Borongan. She is anchored in the Pasig River near the lighthouse. Early this morning Captain Bahia collected his papers to be turned over to the local agents of his company. His discovery of the big robbery brought him to the office of the Secret Service while enroute to Ty Camco Sobrino.

The Borongan is one of a fleet of four inter-island boats operated by the local Chinese Company. The vessel is scheduled to leave here on Friday for a run to her usual ports. An Arrest Made. Manila, Feb. 10. A formal complaint for the theft of P.34,000 on board the inter-island steamer Borongan was filed this afternoon against Mariano Ramos, student officer on the Borongan. Ramos, with two others, was detained by the secret service last night.

The Borongan is leaving this afternoon with an entirely new staff of officers and crew. The new officers are from another vessel owned by the company but now under repairs. The old officers have been ordered to stay in port until the investigation of the secret service has been completed.

PIRATE ACTIVITY.

STEAMER SEIZED OFF HAICHOW.

Peking, Feb. 13. Pirates have recently been active off Haichow. They captured one Japanese steamer which was recaptured by the destroyer Tsubaki.

The steamer Heiro Maru, enroute to Haichow from Shanghai was anchored off Tsingow on the 11th inst. When the steamer Kaitsu Maru approached her a junk which put off from the Kaitsu Maru was seen to be filled with pirates. The Heiro Maru hastily weighed anchor and steamed off but not before the pirates fired at her, killing one seaman and wounding the captain.

The Heiro Maru reported the incident to the Haichow as a result of which a Japanese gunboat was sent from Tsingow and the destroyer Tsubaki from Port Arthur, the latter recapturing the Kaitsu Maru on the 12th.

Another Japanese steamer reaching Haichow reports a similar experience to that of the Heiro Maru, on the 10th.—Reuter.

AVIATION.

FLYING BOATS LEAVE FOR SINGAPORE.

Rangoon, Feb. 13. The four flyingboats have left en route to Singapore.—Reuter.

"Goodwill" Tour Ends.

Havana, Feb. 13. Colonel Lindbergh has left for St. Louis after his complete Latin-American "goodwill" tour.—Reuter's American Service.

SHANTUNG FAMINE.

CONTINUED EMIGRATION TO MANCHURIA.

Peking, Jan. 30. Latest reports from Tsinan indicate that the famine in the Shantung-Chihli area is getting more intense every day. This fact is borne out by the pulling down of houses in some regions for sale. In the countryside, one now sees standing walls among the village dwellings. When the people are compelled to bargain the material of their houses for food and fuel, it is to be taken as a sign of acute suffering and excessive privation.

The second indication of the suffering is the continued emigration of people eastward to Manchuria. One special investigator sent into the field by the Shantung Committee of the C.I.F.R.C. reported that as much as 60 per cent. of the population in the districts he visited have already gone, mostly to Manchuria and other places not so far distant. Thirty per cent. of those still remaining in the villages, according to the same investigator, are sick.

Reports of other investigators returning to Tsinan stated that in western districts of the province many farms have not been planted with winter wheat. Farm animals are rapidly disappearing as the clutch of famine tightens. Robbers have increased in number, adding more terror to the already suffering people, but the ones whose fate is most pitiful are those who can neither leave the place nor find enough food to sustain life.

Missionary Reports.

In Lintsing region, famine is also reported to be severe. "Everyday children are brought to me," says one missionary. "They have been picked up from the road and field. I do not know to whom I can give them nor how to support them."

Another missionary in Wen Chang says, "Scarcely any rain fell and attempt was made to plant the crops but the drought soon killed everything. In the past year, there was a failure of crops on account of the floods and in consequence, the people were already in debt before this year's failure. Whoever had a little money have emigrated. At the beginning of December in the 20 villages there were at least 1,200 persons who were without food."

One other reported, "In my district three-fourths of the people were having no food since November last. A large part has emigrated. People cannot find anyone who will buy their land. Girls are sold for \$5.00. The misery is terrible."

The Shantung Committee of the China International Famine Relief Commission was able to report the courageous efforts being made by the local officials to meet the famine situation. In addition to what has already been published, they have fed many famine-stricken people in the province. As much as \$420,000 worth of grain has been obtained through the local officials from Manchuria for famine relief. The military authorities have set aside one train to be used exclusively for bringing this grain to Shantung. Another train is being prepared for the same purpose. Before the winter is over, the food for the 25,000 refugees in Tsinan alone would cost the local authorities something like \$300,000; so far 10,000 suits of clothing have been

TROPICAL SCIENCE.

THE IMPERIAL COLLEGE AT TRINIDAD.

The Colonial Secretary's Office sends a copy of the prospectus of the 1928-29 session of the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture, Trinidad, with which is included the Principal's report for 1926-27. There are three courses set out in the prospectus—a diploma one, of three years; a post-graduate course; and a special course, of one year. The normal fee is £50 one year. The living expenses are placed at approximately £12.10s a month; and there are also subscriptions, cost of books, and so forth, amounting to about £30 a year.

The syllabus of courses of study comprises, Agriculture, Botany, Chemistry and Soil Science, Economics, Mycology and Bacteriology, Tropical Sanitation and Hygiene, Tropical Veterinary Science, Zoology and Entomology. The report for the last session shows that there is a large attendance of students from various parts of the Empire, and much research work and investigation has been carried out.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per S.S. President Pierce from Manila, February 13.—Mr. O. P. Anderson, Miss Ruth Anderson, Miss Ardis Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bishop, Master Edward Bishop, Miss Barbara Bishop, Mr. F. R. Barry, Mr. B. H. Brown, Mr. I. R. Cameron, Mr. Eng Yau King, Mr. Fong Siu, Mr. J. K. Gwinnell, Mrs. R. E. Howard, Master Henry Howard, Miss Joy Howard, Mr. Kwan My, Mr. S. Nakajima, Rev. Father Paul, Mr. S. Perez Samanillo, Mr. J. R. Shaw, Mrs. D. D. Stymek, Miss Catherine Stymek, Lt. G. B. Sherwood, U.S. N. Mrs. G. B. Sherwood, Master Gordon Sherwood, Mrs. J. Taguet and Mr. Uy Hing-cho.

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Per S.S. Saarbrücken, Feb. 12.—Mr. and Mrs. Welsenbruch, Mr. A. Nickelsen, Mr. F. Weinbrenner, Mr. and Mrs. J. Graef and child, Mr. Kimatral Venzimel, Mr. R. E. Hyndman, Miss F. Remedios, and Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Mathiasen.

distributed through the governmental agencies. "But," adds the report, "the Government alone cannot meet the problem in its entirety. We need outside help." In response to the call issued by the Commission, the American Advisory Committee of the China Famine Fund has voted a sum of \$72,848.12 for relief work in the stricken area and the Japanese Red Cross has sent in its donation of Yen 2,000. In his letter of transmittal, Baron S. Hiramama, President of the Japanese Red Cross, indicated the sympathy of the Japanese people for the affected population in Chihli and Shantung.—China International Famine Relief Commission.

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KASHGAR	9,005	12th May	Marseilles, L'don & A'werp
JEPPORE	5,318	19th May	Marseilles & London
MALWA	10,986	26th May	Marseilles & London
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KALYAN	9,144	25th Feb.	Moji & Kobe
MONGOLIA	16,504	2nd Mar.	S'hai, Kobe & Yoko
TAKLIWA	7,936	3rd Mar.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
ST. ALBANS	4,500	6th Mar.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
NAGPORE	5,283	12th Mar.	S'hai, Kobe & Yoko
MANTUA	10,946	16th Mar.	Shanghai
LAHORE	5,252	19th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
MOREA	10,953	30th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
ARAFURA	6,000	3rd Apr.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
JEPPORE	6,318	10th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
KASHGAR	9,005	13th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
MALWA	10,986	27th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
NOVARA	6,989	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
TANDA	6,656	8th May	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
DELTA	8,097	11th May	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
RANPURA	16,601	25th May	S'hai, Kobe & Yoko
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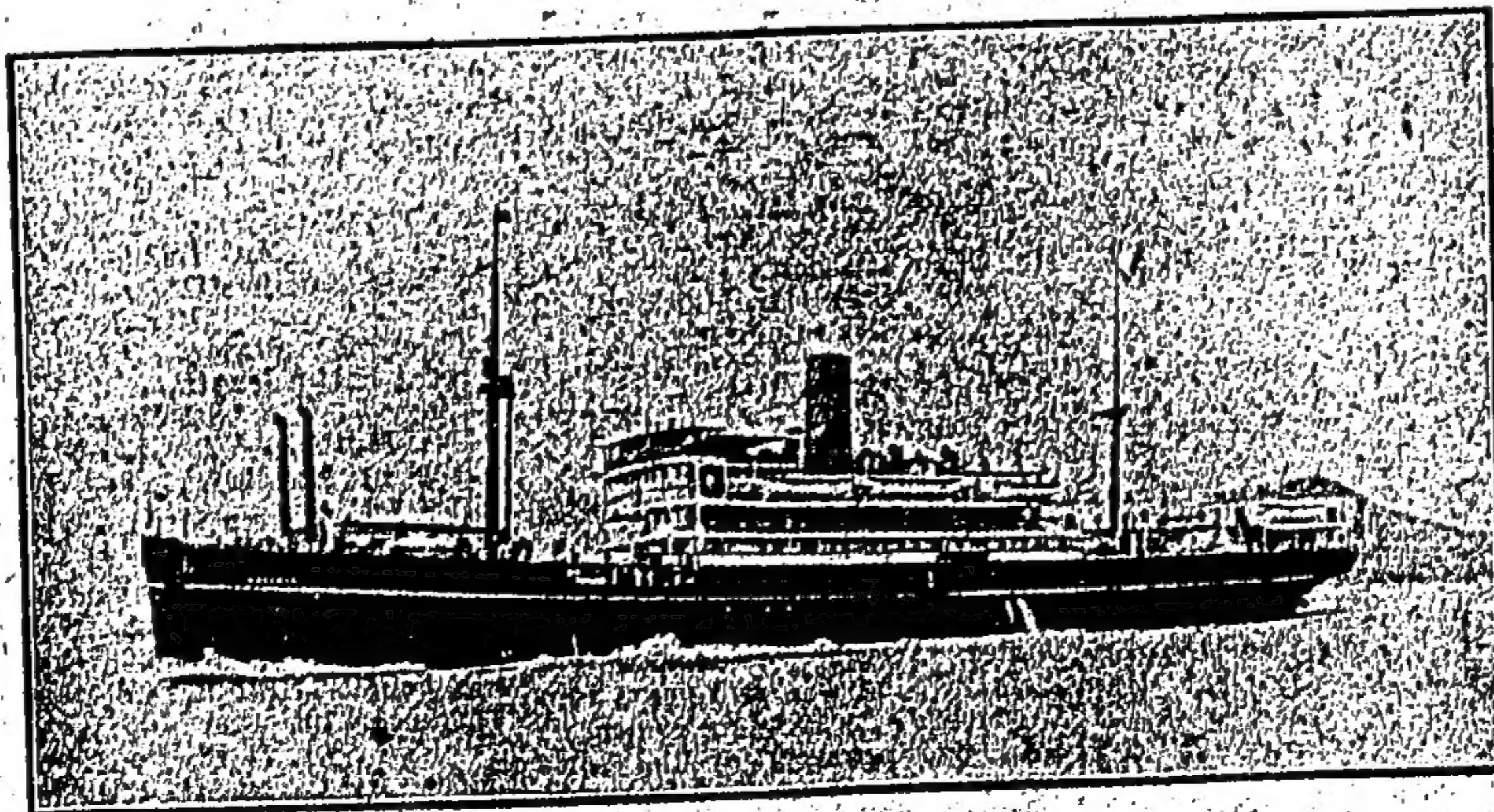
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Partly due to the s.s. Wing On
(Captain C. Mutton) being held
up on registration matters, the s.s.
Tai Lee coming down last night
from Kowloon, carried a record
number of passengers, 1,250 in all.

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APATHETIC NANKING
QUARREL.LI CHAI-SUM SITTING ON THE
FENCE.

General Li Chai-sum is sitting on the fence, declining to take a definite line in relation to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, and the latter's suggested encouragement of the Kuomintang Leftist Party, according to to-day's advices from Canton. There seems to be every indication that he will continue to play a waiting game, in spite of the desire on the part of many of the Canton faction to denounce Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.

The Kwangsi Clique, of which General Li Chai-sum is one of the principal leaders, is not too pleased with Marshal Chiang, following the recent fourth plenary session when he accepted a large following of the Leftist Party into his camp.

Notable Absentees. It is of considerable importance to note that when news reached Canton that new Commissioners had been elected in Nanking for the Kuomintang Government, and a big meeting of protest and denunciation was held organised by members of the Provincial Kuomintang Branch Association only very few of the high officials of the Government were present.

Mr. Wu Te-chen was one of them, but the majority, including Generals Li Chai-sum, Chan Ming-shih, Chu Ching-tang and Admiral Chan Chai were not present and they remained quiet regarding the recent policy of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.

Avoid a Split. Popular report in Canton has it that while General Li Chai-sum may be antagonistic towards the Left Wing, at the moment he does not contemplate opposition to the Nanking Government or to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.

"We can attack the leaders of the Left Wing, and we should criticise their policy if it becomes a necessity," General Li Chai-sum is declared to have said, "but we should not cause another split in the Kuomintang if we can avoid it."

GIGANTIC GERMAN
LOCK-OUT.INVOLVING 800,000 METAL
WORKERS.

Berlin, Feb. 13. A gigantic lock-out of over 800,000 metal-workers is threatened, to eventuate on Feb. 22nd, unless 50,000 men who are on strike in Central Germany resume work in the meantime.

All the big metal firms will be involved. The dispute arises out of a wages dispute last year. The matter was arbitrated upon but the United Workers' Union declined to accept the arbitrators' award. The employers also objected to the award, but the matter was regarded as settled when on December 20th, the Minister of Labour declared that the decision was binding on both parties.

STEAMERS COLLIDE.

SAI ON SLIGHTLY DAMAGED
IN CANTON RIVER.

The s.s. Taming, of the China Navigation Company, reports Captain D. G. Mills, was in slight collision with the s.s. Sai On in the Canton river yesterday morning. No serious damage was incurred.

The two vessels came together just above the Tai Shek Barrier, the bows of the Taming striking the Sai On on the port quarter, damaging rails on the lower and upper decks. Both vessels proceeded after the collision.

No derangement of the sailing schedule is involved, the Taming having proceeded north at 7 a.m. this morning, while the Sai On will leave for Canton to-night as usual.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—
1. That James Watt invented the steam engine coming from a kettle. It was invented thirty years before he was born. 2. That the word "resemblance" is not an animal (New Oxford Dictionary). 3. That of Charles Darwin at Down, Kent. 4. In Colorado, where the ore from an adjacent gold mine has been laid. 5. In 1927, 228; in 1928, 207. 6. The Amazon. 7. The Lipine G. Ayres is now on its way to Australia for the use of the Rev. L. Davidson. 8. Tyrion purple, of which iron is crystalline and wrought iron is made fibrous by rolling. 10. It has a ballroom and will carry 100 passengers. 11. The Galaxy of Nebulae who furnished in A.D. 14. 12. That of Flight-Lieutenant S. M. Webster, of 255 m.p.h. in the Schneider Trophy race.

London, Feb. 13. Mrs. Churchill, wife of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, has undergone an operation for acute mastoiditis. She is making satisfactory progress. —British Wireless.

DERBY DAY AT THE
RACES.

(Continued from Page 1.)

1.—The Jockey Cup.—Winner \$500. Second \$200. Third \$100. A Cup will be presented to the winning Jockey. For China Ponies, that have started in and have not won a Race at this Meeting and that have not at any time won three flat Races, to be ridden by Jockeys who have not won five flat Races in Hongkong, Macao or China. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners 5 lb extra. Jockeys 2 lb extra for each flat Race won. Entrance \$5. One Mile.

Mr. Luen Yick's Warlordship (Mr. Loo) 1
Mr. F. Usher's Warrington (Mr. Usher) 2
Mr. K. H. Kay's Captain (Mr. Proulx) 3
Six lengths, a neck. Time: 2 min. 11.2/5 secs.

Parl-Mutuel.—Winner, \$72.70; 1st, \$6.60; 2nd, \$5.70; 3rd, \$5.60.

2.—The Exchange Plate.—Presented by the Bankers and Exchange Brokers of Hongkong. Value \$1,000 to Winner. Second to receive \$300 and Third \$200. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Ponies that have started in and not won a race of 1 mile or over at this Meeting allowed 5 lb. Subscription Grifins of this Meeting allowed 10 lb. Allowances accumulative. From the Two Mile Post Once Round and in. (About one mile 165 yards).

Mr. L. Dunbar's Elliot Bay (Mr. Maitland) 1
Mr. R. J. Paterson's August (Mr. Erskine) 2
Mr. Hee Cheong's Waichow (Mr. Charles) 3
One length; many lengths. Time: 2 min. 25 secs.

Parl-Mutuel.—Winner, \$5.10; 1st, \$5.30.

4.—The Subscription Grifins' Challenge Cup.—Value \$1,000. For Subscription Grifins of this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. To be won two years consecutively by Ponies the bona fide property of the same owner or owners. Winner to receive \$500 and 70 per cent. Second \$200 and 20 per cent. and Third \$100 and 10 per cent. of the Entrance Fees until the Cup is finally won when the Second Pony will receive 75 per cent. and the Third Pony 25 per cent. of the Entrance Fees in addition to the place money. Entrance \$10. One Mile and a Quarter.

Major Lake's Dumfries (Mr. Maitland) 1
Mr. Seth's Eraville (Mr. Heard) 2
Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Spinner (Mr. Buitel) 3
Twelve starters. Two lengths; one length.

Time:—2 min. 43.4/5 secs.
Parl-Mutuel.—Winner, \$13.40; 1st, \$6.70; 2nd, \$8.50; 3rd, \$29.40.

5.—The Great Southern Stakes.—Winner \$600. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners at this Meeting 5 lb.; of two or more Races 7 lb. extra. Grifins allowed 5 lb. Subscription Grifins of this Meeting allowed 10 lb. Allowances accumulative. (Jockey allowance.) Entrance \$10. Six Furlongs.

Mr. Eve's Bengal (Mr. Pote Hunt) 1
Mr. L. Dunbar's Bakers Bay (Mr. Maitland) 2
Messrs. K. C. Lau's and H. C. Lee's Duke of Arctagnan (Mr. Reidy) 3
Six starters. Two and a half lengths; six lengths.

Time:—1 min. 31.2/5th secs.
Parl-Mutuel.—Winner, \$12.10; 1st, \$5.50; 2nd, \$5.40; 3rd, \$7.10.

6.—The Lusitano Cup.—Presented by the Members of the Club Lusitano. For China Ponies bona fide Grifins of this Meeting, with \$500 added. Second \$200. Third \$100. Weight for inches as per scale. Subscription Grifins of this Season allowed 5 lb. All winners 5 lb. extra. Entrance \$10. One Mile.

Mr. Hynes' and Mr. Mackie's Pickle (Mr. Heard) 1
Mr. Chan Tin-sion's Winsome Stag (Mr. Maitland) 2
Mr. K. H. Kay's Comrade (Mr. Pote Hunt) 3
Eight starters. One length; four lengths.

Time:—2 min. 04.2/5th secs.
Parl-Mutuel.—Winner, \$15.80; 1st, \$5.60; 2nd, \$5.40; 3rd, \$6.80.

7.—The Challenge Cup.—Value One Hundred Guineas. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. To be won two years consecutively by a Pony or Ponies the bona fide property of the same owner or owners. Winner to receive \$750 and 70 per cent. Second \$300 and 20 per cent. Third \$150 and 10 per cent. of the Entrance Fees until the Cup is finally won when the Second Pony will receive 75 per cent. and the Third Pony 25 per cent. of the Entrance Fees in addition to the place money. En-

BRITAIN AND BOXER
INDEMNITY.EXPENSES OF THE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE.

London, Feb. 13. The Government has issued a White Paper giving a detailed account of the China Indemnity Fund for the year ended March 31st, 1927.

The accounts show a balance of £1,831,000, which is banked in Shanghai. It is charged with the expenditure of £16,000 incurred by the Secretary of State under the China Indemnity Act, including fees of £10,000 and the travelling expenses of the six members of the Advisory Committee, who examined the situation in China.

The White Paper remarks that no steps have yet been taken to give legislative effect to the proposals of the Advisory Committee. —Reuter.

MAV DRIZZLE TO-MORROW.

It is possible that drizzle may interfere with the Races to-morrow, the Royal Observatory weather forecast being:—North-east winds, fresh; fair at first over-cast, with some drizzle of mist later.

trance \$10. One Mile and Three Quarters.

Messrs. Stanton and Reidy's San Diego (Mr. Stanton) 1
Mr. R. M. Austin's Brigade Call (Mr. Maitland) 2
Messrs. Hall and Stanton's The General (Mr. Sewell) 3
Six starters. Three lengths; six lengths.

Time:—3 min. 59.2/5th secs.
Parl-Mutuel.—Winner, \$33.50; 1st, \$6.80; 2nd, \$5.60; 3rd, \$8.50.

8.—The Royal Navy Cup.—Presented by the Officers of H.M.'s Navy, with \$500 added to the Winner. Second \$250. Third \$150. For Subscription Grifins of any Season. Weight for inches as per scale. Winner of the Garrison Cup at this Meeting 10 lb. Other winners at this Meeting 7 lb. extra. Subscription Grifins of this year allowed 5 lb. Penalties not accumulative. Allowances accumulative. (Jockey allowance.) Entrance \$10. From the Two Mile Post, Once Round and in. (About one mile 165 yards).

Messrs. Dyer and Belth's Tangle (Mr. Heard) 1
Mr. Ho Kom-tong's Kom Tong Hall (Mr. Wong) 2
Messrs. Tester & Abraham's Bing Boy (Mr. Maitland) 3
Seventeen starters. A length and a half; one length.

Time:—2 min. 20 secs.
Parl-Mutuel.—Winner, \$79.12; 1st, \$22.10; 2nd, \$63.50; 3rd, \$12.60.

9.—The "Black Rock" Stakes.—Winner \$600. Second \$250. Third \$150. For China Ponies bona fide Grifins of this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of one Race other than a Race confined to Subscription Grifins 5 lb. of two or more Races 7 lb. extra. Entrance \$10. One Mile and a Quarter.

Mr. Dynasty's Hair Apparent (Mr. Halmovitch) 1
Mr. Eve's Boxing Eve (Mr. Pote Hunt) 2
Mr. Ho Kom-tong's Manor Hall (Mr. Wong) 3
Five starters. Many lengths; many lengths.

Time:—2 min. 37.1/5th secs.
Parl-Mutuel.—Winner, \$12.10; 1st, \$5.40; 2nd, \$5.30.

10.—The Gymkhana Stakes.—Winner \$500. Second \$250. Third \$150. For all China Ponies that have started for Races in at least two Extra Meetings during the Season 1927 and Subscription Grifins of this Meeting. Weight 140 lb. Winners of any Race other than a Race confined to Subscription Grifins 7 lb.; of a Subscription Race 2 lb. extra. Subscription Grifins of this Meeting allowed 7 lb. Winners at this Meeting barred. (Jockey allowance.) Allowances accumulative. Entrance \$5. One Mile.

Mr. H. P. White's San Francisco (Mr. Charles) 1
Mr. Dynasty's King of the Plains (Mr. Halmovitch) 2
Mr. R. M. Austin's Grey Knight (Mr. Heard) 3
Thirteen starters. Half a length; half a length.

Time:—2 min. 08.2/5th secs.
Parl-Mutuel.—Winner, \$14.90; 1st, \$8.10; 2nd, \$10.20; 3rd, \$9.50.

11.—The Peking Plate.—Winner \$600. Second \$250. Third \$100. For China Ponies. Subscription Grifins of this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners 7 lb. penalty. (Jockey allowance.) Entrance \$10. One Mile.

Mr. H. L. Yung's Chatto (Mr. Usher) 1
Mr. C. T. C.'s Southern Stag (Mr. Harriman) 2
Dr. S. To Wong's Fair Eyes (Mr. Rosa) 3
Twenty-three starters. Length and half; half a length.

Time:—2 min. 10.1/5th secs.
Parl-Mutuel.—Winner, \$14,82.50; 1st, \$266.20; 2nd, \$36.50; 3rd, \$10.40.

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